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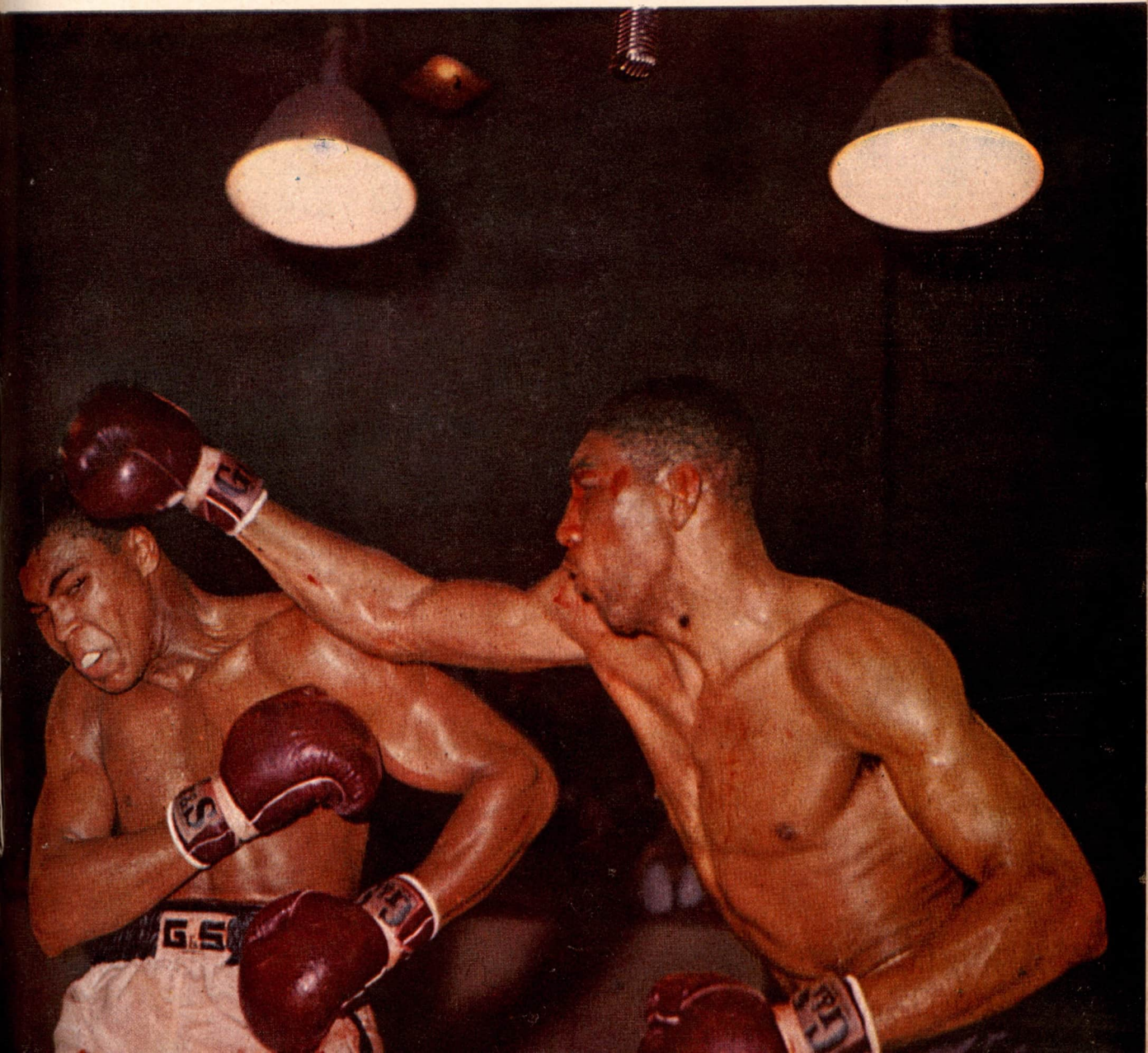

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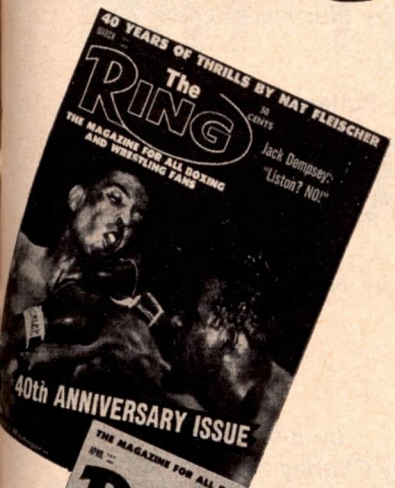

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NAT FLEISCHER

Speaks Out!!!

A preliminary boy, Sonny Nunez, appearing in his first professional bout, is fatally injured in an Arizona ring. For the next two weeks the sports pages of the nation's dailies play up the unfortunate event as though another international crisis threatens the world. Headlines and photographs are used, and on the editorial pages are columns howling for the outlawing of boxing.

During the same two weeks reports of fatalities in baseball, automobile and horse racing, soccer and, yes, even in golf are given minor coverage—a few lines among the miscellaneous, inconsequential items—and are promptly forgotten.

Two of these dispatches, limited to a half-dozen lines and obscure one-line heads, tell of youngsters dying of head injuries when hit by baseballs. One is a 9-year-old youngster in Indiana; another a 15-year-old in Texas. In New York a batter in a sandlot game swings so hard at a pitch that he spins completely around and his bat crashes against the 23-year-old catcher's head, crushing his skull.

These incidents, of course, are only "accidents". But when they happen in boxing—!?!!*"!??!*.'

Yet over a year's stretch you'll find that fatal "accidents" in other lines of athletic endeavor far out number those in boxing. Football alone is responsible for more deaths in a comparatively brief season in the United States each year than boxing accounts for in FIVE years as a world-wide, year-'round enterprise.

Facts and figures should speak for themselves. Generally they do, but not where boxing is concerned. For years it has been, and probably will continue to be, a natural target for sensational headlines, vituperative editorials, and investigations by publicity-seeking politicians.

Death is an unpleasant subject to discuss, whether it be natural or accidental.

Excuses cannot bring back to life a boxer who unfortunately has been killed in a ring battle.

However, in all fairness to boxing, such deaths should be given the same treatment accorded to other sports. "Stop the slaughter" and "let's abolish boxing", have become steady diets in editorial comments following accidental ring fatalities, but are never quoted following mishaps in other fields.

So far as boxing is concerned, there isn't a sport that is better supervised. Contestants are given several physical examinations. Preventative measures have been adopted by the National Boxing Association and its affiliates throughout the world. Even non-members have accepted the safety measures inaugurated by the N.B.A. several years ago. They are beyond those adopted in any other sport.

Heavy ensolite padding over the ring floor; the use of eight ounce gloves—in some states, even in championship matches; physical examinations three days before a fight and on the day of a contest; the mandatory eight-count in all bouts; the ban against the breaking-in of gloves so that the padding is removed from the knuckle portion, and the right of a physician to enter the ring at any time he senses danger, along with the right to order the referee to stop the fight when such action seems necessary—these are strict regulations.

What more can be done for the safety of the boxers other than to abolish it entirely or make it a sport of tiddlewinks?

It has been suggested by the New York State Legislative Investigating Committee that all boxers be compelled to wear headguards. This won't help. Its use has been proved more hazardous in actual contests than preventative. College boxers who have used it under the intercollegiate code have declared that the impact of a blow to the head, doubles the force of the punch.

Has anyone any new suggestions other than "let's kill boxing. It's a brutal sport."

The Ring's Survey

Those who handle bets on sports events have made Sonny Liston an 8 to 5 favorite to beat Floyd Patterson for the heavyweight championship at Comiskey Park in Chicago on the night of September 25.

However, these odds have failed to gain support from 36 experts interviewed by The Ring Magazine.

Members of this magazine's staff made contact with 36 men whose opinions on fights are valuable.

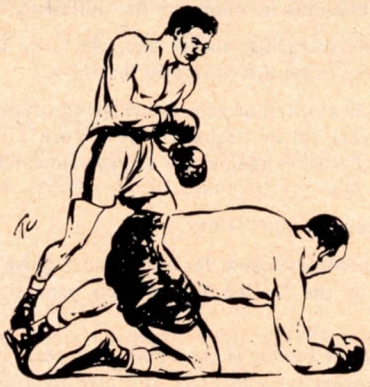
Twenty picked Patterson to retain the title, 14 by decision, six by knockout.

Of the 15 who went along with Liston, 14 predicted a knockout, and one a decision after the fifteenth frame.

Jersey Joe Walcott, former heavyweight champion, said he was not competent to make a prediction as he had seen neither fighter in training. Joe Louis begged off.

General Melvin Krulewitch, chief of the New York Commission, felt that in his position he could offer no comment. Harry Markson, of the Garden, took a similar stand. Here are the comments results of The Ring Magazine poll–

PATTERSON BY KNOCKOUT



"FIGHT WON'T GO LIMIT"
By Floyd Patterson

I respect Liston highly as a fighter. I know he can hit and take a punch. I saw him on TV, knock out several top heavyweights, Mike De John and Cleveland Williams among them. I know what to expect.

Boxing experts have predicted this will be my toughest fight, so I have trained harder than ever to meet that challenge. I'm much impressed with Liston's ability. He possesses everything—punch, strength, durability and all-round fighting qualities. He may not have my speed, but he has enough compensation in all other things.

The fight won't last the limit. One of us is going to be counted out.

"CHAMP IS TOO FAST"
By Tom McNeeley

I fought Patterson and was knocked out by him. I think that the champion is too fast and clever for Liston even though Sonny is a terrific puncher.

PATTERSON BY A KNOCKOUT
says Hugh Bradley
(New York Journal-American)

Patterson has the ability and too much speed for Liston. I think it will be the Patterson of the second Johansson fight, not the third fight that will face Sonny. He will be too fast for Liston and should knock him out in five rounds.

PATTERSON TOO SHARP
By Jimmy Powers
(N.Y. News Columnist)

Patterson will retain the title. I am selecting a dedicated workman, someone along the line of Gene Tunney and Rocky Marciano. I know that Floyd is a serious trainer and will be in top condition. In this category there is still some doubt about Liston. While Patterson hasn't boxed the best I still consider his opposition a bit more representative than Sonny's.

The long training period may be a handicap to Liston who has never before had to live in seclusion in preparing himself for a bout. Patterson is a better schooled boxer, a serious athlete.

"FLOYD BY K.O. IN TENTH"
(By Dan Daniel, World-Telegram and Sun and The Ring Magazine)

I have seen Patterson in most of his important fights and have come to regard him as a clever, dedicated, logical and versatile fighter.

I have seen Liston only in workouts and have developed high respect for him as a puncher. He is big, strong, large-fisted, barrel-chested, impressive, the power image.

However, I cannot forget the trouble Liston had in his twelve rounder with Eddie Machen.

Nor can I forget what I saw as I watched Sonny recently with his sparring partners. If he landed his left, he dropped it. This could be fatal.

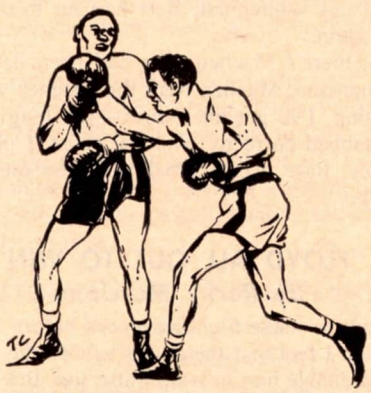
Patterson will retain the title with a knockout around the tenth.

Favors Patterson

"PATTERSON IS MY CHOICE"
By Murray Goodman
(Former director of publicity, Madison Square Garden Boxing Club, now Publicity Director Titans)

I pick Patterson to defeat Liston and do not eliminate the possibility of a knockout. Patterson is always in condition and is a much better fighter than given credit for. Unfortunately, he has fought only mediocre fighters. Against a good fighter, he'll be a better fighter. Liston has been out of shape too long and at his age, you don't get back what you lose by laxity.

PATTERSON BY DECISION



FLOYD'S CLEVERNESS WILL TELL
By Nat Fleischer
(Publisher of The Ring Magazine)

The champion, who has been floored in each of his title fights, is going to be floored again. With one exception, he has gotten up to carry on and win. He'll do it again.

Floyd will be facing a deadly puncher. The eight ounce gloves shouldn't handicap either. They can be just as lethal as with six ounce gloves.

The mandatory eight count, which will be in effect, should be in Floyd's favor as it was when he fought Ingemar Johansson in Florida. Then each was down twice and Floyd took the allotted time getting to his feet while Ingemar didn't make it the second time.

Sonny will represent the toughest man the champ thus far has met, and that includes Johansson, who took the crown from him, but Floyd is well prepared.

Liston is the more powerful hitter. But the champ faced a terrific puncher in Johansson and beat him twice.

Liston is rugged, but he has never faced an opponent as fast or as shifty as Floyd.

Considering the contrasting styles, clouting vs. shiftiness, and Liston's performance against Eddie Machen, who went the limit of 12 rounds with him, my vote goes to Patterson.

This fight resembles the first Dempsey-Tunney fight, in Philadelphia, in which clever Gene beat the walloping Manassa Mauler.

PATTERSON SPEED WILL TELL
says Sam Taub
(Daily Sports Bulletin)

I feel that Floyd Patterson's speed will be too much for Sonny Liston to handle. Floyd moves too fast and punches too fast for the flat footed Challenger. I do not know Floyd's plan of battle so I can't predict just when, but I feel the Champion will knock out Liston.

"PATTERSON TOO FAST"
By Ingemar Johansson

When I first was asked about the Patterson-Liston bout, I felt Sonny would win. I never had seen him in action, but had heard so much about him that I was convinced he'd prove too powerful for the champion. I've changed my mind.

I've studied several motion pictures of Liston's bouts, and feel that Sonny is too slow for Patterson. His lack of speed was so marked that at first I thought the projector was at fault, and I asked to have it speeded up.

"I didn't like Liston's body balance, his timing of combinations and the way he slings his left hook. His most effective weapon would appear to be a left jab, and Floyd, although susceptible to straight punches, should be fast enough to slip under that.

The champion's speed will be the deciding factor.

PATTERSON SHOULD OUTBOX LISTON
says Jack Hand
(Associated Press)

I think that the champion is too fast and should be able to outbox Liston. Although Sonny is a fast puncher, he moves slow and Floyd should be too quick footed. I have a feeling if he should try and slug with Liston it could spell trouble.

"PRIDE, FAST HANDS WILL WIN"
By Harold Weisman
(New York Daily Mirror)

Patterson in four. Floyd punches too fast for Liston and he will go into this fight with more pride than at any other time. Patterson remembers the statements made by Liston and they will play an important part in his mental attitude.

CHALLENGER IS FLAT FOOTED
says Jack Hurley
(Veteran Manager and Promoter)

Liston may be bigger and heavier and very impressive looking. But he is too slow, for one thing, and he is flat footed. The champion will keep the title.

"I LIKE FLOYD DESPITE ODDS"
By James J. Braddock

I like Patterson despite the odds against him and the concensus among the professionals who seem to think that Liston is invincible because he is a hard hitter. I recall my fight with Max Baer in which I was the underdog, 10 to 1.

They said I would be knocked out because Max hit too hard for me, yet I outmaneuvered him and dethroned him. Being an underdog makes one fight harder. The pressure is on the other guy. Floyd responds well as an underdog.

Patterson has much more to recommend him than Liston. Both have good jabs, but Floyd's is more effective because he moves around, making it more difficult to evade than a jab from one that comes in from a set firing position, as does Liston's.

I look for Floyd to combine his cleverness with viciousness, to win.

By LEW BURSTON
(Foreign Department, Madison Square Garden)

Liston figures to be too big, too strong, too rugged and too dangerous a puncher for the frail, fragile-chinned champion. Yet Patterson has the equipment to beat him—if he uses that equipment properly. Floyd cannot afford to slug with Liston. He hasn't enough dynamite in his fists to hurt Sonny with head punches. Floyd's best bet would be to use his speed to stay away from his heavier, slower rival, and try to maneuver his way into close quarters and bang away at Sonny's body.

Can Liston "take it" in the mid-section? Nobody has seen him hit there solidly. Patterson is a good body puncher, when he wants to be. I have a hunch this is one time he'll want to be, and if he does concentrate on Liston's body, he'll be a good bet to win.

"I STRING ALONG WITH CHAMP"
By Jack Barrett
(Former matchmaker of the Garden)

I have to string along with the champion. He may not be the greatest heavyweight we have had but he has proved himself and he is, after all, the best we have.

I find myself wondering as to Liston's class. True, he has stopped Cleveland Williams twice, But how much weight does this merit in the face of Sonny's unsatisfactory twelve rounder with Eddie Machen.

Patterson has become an expert boxer. He will have splendid condition. Certainly he has motive, incentive, plus determination.

"FLOYD'S WILL TO WIN WILL WIN"
By Less Mathews
(Amsterdam News)

Patterson will win by outboxing and outlasting Liston. He will retain his crown by a fifteen round decision. The champ may be hurt at times, even dropped, but his will to win will be the decisive factor.

I have never seen Liston in serious trouble and how he might weather such a storm is problematical. Patterson, on the other hand, bounces back after being hurt and I believe that he will wear down Sonny and beat him decisively.

STICK WITH A CHAMP
By Casey Stengel
(Manager of the Mets)

In picking the winner of a heavyweight championship fight I like to go along with two things,—the established position of the defending champion and physical condition.

Condition is the paramount factor, with determination speed, and style behind it, whether you are playing baseball or fighting.

As a result, I am inclined to pick Patterson, who is a better fighter than they give him credit for being.

I have noticed that he fights best when he gets hurt. However, he had better see to it that he doesn't let Liston hurt a little too much.

FLOYD'S SPEED WILL WIN
By Bill Miller
The Ring's California Correspondent

Patterson will surround Liston, and pour out too much speed and know-how. That frightening array of knockouts that Liston boasts can't scare Floyd.

Remember, Bert Whitehurst twice went the limit with Liston. The record book shows that Bert was knocked out four times by far less imposing blokes. In fact, just after Archie Moore had knocked out Whitehurst, Bert had no trouble going the route with Liston.

Then, too, there's Machen who had been flattened in one round by Johansson. Machen went the distance with Liston.

If I'm wrong, I've got an excuse,—the long list of upsets that I have tabbed correctly over the years. I picked Tunney over Dempsey, Baer over Schmeling, Patterson to regain his title from Ingo.

"FLOYD ALL OUT TO WIN"
By Rocky Marciano

It is difficult to make a choice weeks before a fight. There are times when I feel that the power behind the fists of Sonny Liston should enable him to whip Patterson. But when I weigh the assets of each, I come to the conclusion that Patterson should win. He's the champion and we must go along with the title holder.

Patterson has been underrated. The one thing he wants is to be recognized as a real champion and he knows that if he beats Sonny he will be given that credit

That's why I feel he will go all out to win and do it.

PATTERSON NERVOUSLY, WISHFULLY
Ted Carroll

In Liston, Patterson faces the most formidable heavyweight since Marciano. Liston is a giant, a powerful puncher with either hand plus a pole-axing left jab. While slow and ponderous, he is not a slow thinker in the ring and most important, he seems immune to punishment.

Liston never has been staggered by a blow, and is not prone to cuts or bleeding. A mean man in action, he is sometimes given to anger which could react to his disadvantage.

On the other hand I consider Patterson a much better fighter than given credit for. Working in the champion's favor will be the relative lack of activity on Liston's part. The last real match in which Sonny engaged was the Machen affair in September 1960. Ring rust could add to his natural slowness. The 'bout' with Westfall doesn't count.

With a choice born of nervous wishfulness, I look for Patterson, using his great speed, to stay out of danger by fast footwork for the full 15 rounds, scoring often enough with punches of sufficient force to stall Sonny's attack, while winning a close decision.

LISTON BY KNOCKOUT

"LEFT HOOK WILL WIN FOR ME"
By Sonny Liston

When we signed in Chicago, I remarked that all I want is a referee who can count further than the mandatory eight and not stop somewhere along the line. That indicates what I think will be the result of this fight. I expect to win by a knockout in five rounds.

I know Patterson is fast with his hands. He moves real good and has a fine right and an excellent left jab.

I think I too, have a good jab. It is not as stiff, probably, but it is strong and can do a lot of damage. I'll have weight and power on him, and my ripping body punches will slow him up. My left hook will make me the champion.

"SONNY LIKE TAUNTING BULL"
By Lew Eskin

Patterson should be too fast with his hands and feet for Liston. The fight should be all Patterson as he outspeeds the slower and bigger challenger, until the bomb that Sonny carries in his right hand lands, and then there will be a new champion.

Sonny, is too big, too strong for Patterson to handle. Floyd is the better boxer, the faster puncher and the superior fighter. But, as has been shown in almost all of his bouts, he can be hit and hurt.

Liston has faced a number of men who pack much harder wallops than Floyd. Mike DeJohn, Nino Valdes, Cleveland Williams and Zora Folley all were able to land solidly on Liston's jaw, but their punches had little effect. I do not forsee Patterson's leaping left hooks making a deadly impression.

It will be a terrier taunting a bull, exciting and suspense-filled, then Sonny the winner.

STOP! LOOK! AND LISTON!!
By Jersey Jones
(The Ring Magazine)

Once that Liston's steamroller starts ploughing ahead, we cannot conceive of Patterson having anything to halt it. A clever, cautious, defensive boxer, intent on avoiding serious trouble like Eddie Machen, will bother Sonny. But Patterson is not a clever, cautious, defensive boxer.

Floyd cannot fight on the retreat. He is aggressive, operating on the theory that the best defense is a good offense. He relies on speed of foot and hand. He invites trouble when he leads to a dangerous-punching opponent of Liston's established status.

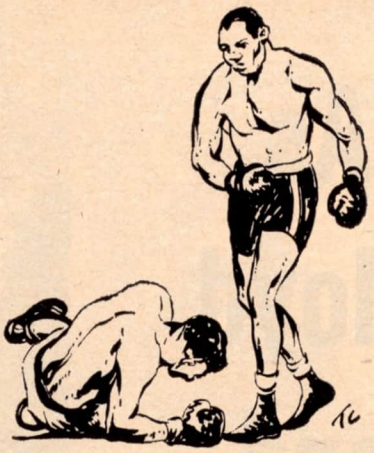
Patterson often is off-balance, and his chin isn't too rugged. With his speed, Floyd may bother Liston for a while, but eventually Sonny will catch and overpower him. This will happen within six rounds.

"LISTON WILL TAG HIM"
By JOE WILLIAMS
(Columnist, N.Y. World-Telegram & Sun)

I haven't seen enough of Liston to form an authoritative opinion of his qualifications, but from what little I have seen I feel he will prove too strong for Patterson. Liston is slow and cumbersome, but he has toughness and a good left.

He not only jabs well but throws a strong left hook off the jab. Mike DeJohn and Cleveland Williams may lack many things of being of championship calibre, but they can punch and their lustiest clouts didn't seem to bother Liston. Sonny proceeded to knock them out.

Patterson is fast but notoriously fragile. I doubt if speed alone will be enough for him. It may keep him out of danger for a while but sooner or later, probably in five or six rounds, Liston should tag him.



LISTON TOO POWERFUL A PUNCHER
says Nat Loubet
(Managing Editor, The Ring Magazine)

There will be a new champ. I believe that Patterson has been throwing a smoke screen over his real intentions when he states that he intends to stand and slug it out with Liston. Should he do so his exit will be that much faster. I expect Patterson to box Liston, a much slower man.

Floyd says he spots no weakness in Liston. All the experts have spotted some. For one thing Sonny has been a sucker for a left hook, Floyd's best weapon. Patterson will attempt to exploit this by sticking with his left and looking for the opening. BUT . . . Liston can take it, on past experience Floyd has shown he cannot. Somewhere along the line, about round eleven, Liston will put Patterson down for keeps. And his left hand could do it as well as his right.

"I FOUGHT BOTH—SONNY BETTER"
By Roy Harris

I fought them both. I should therefore qualify as an authority on the assets and liabilities of Floyd and Sonny. I lasted twelve rounds with Patterson but failed to finish one round with Liston.

Sonny, at 210 of solid beef and brawn, is the most powerful heavyweight in the ring to-day, as well as a pulverizing puncher. He can hurt hard. Patterson gets knocked down easily. He has been down in almost every championship fight.

I foresee a victory for Liston in six or seven rounds. This time Floyd won't get up.

"LISTON OUT IN FIVE"
By Dean McGowan
(The New York Times)

Patterson within five rounds. A knockout! Floyd will outpunch and outspeed Liston. He will step in at the opening bell and by firing three blows to every one tossed by Liston will catch his challenger before Sonny knows what is happening and put him away. Patterson knows how to finish an opponent once he hurts him. He will hurt Liston early and finish him to retain his championship.

LISTON IN SEVEN
says Murray Rose
(Associated Press)

Patterson has to get inside to beat Liston, and I can't see how he can without being nailed by the big challenger, and if Liston gets him in trouble he will finish him off.

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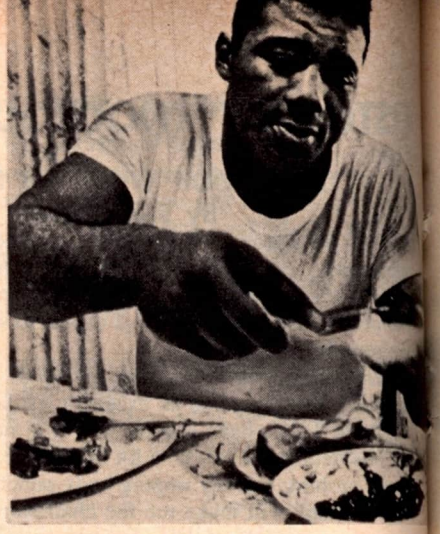
As Floyd and Sonny Tune Up

Here is Patterson skipping the rope in his training for the title fight. Rope-skipping is an important item in any boxer's conditioning schedule. It strengthens the legs, improves stamina, and helps to maintain flexibility in arms as well as legs. Patterson says it also aids him in the vital department of "rhythm."



One thing Champion Floyd Patterson really enjoys is his "big" meal of the day, dinner in the early evening, after he has completed his training routine and relaxed for an hour or so. Patterson has his own chef in camp, and his meals are made to order. A fighter in training avoids greasy and starchy foods, and his dinner usually consists of broiled steak or chops, green vegetables and salads, tea and toast.

WHILE Floyd Patterson and Sonny Liston were going through the first stages of training for their title fight, Herbie Scharfman, special cameraman for The Ring Magazine, was busy in both camps.

The Ring Magazine staff, visiting these menages with the photographer, found the Patterson camp all business and no play. Voices were kept at just above a whisper pitch. The schedule was set for the day and that's how it worked out.

The champion was intense and at times achieved a fierce tempo in his sparring.

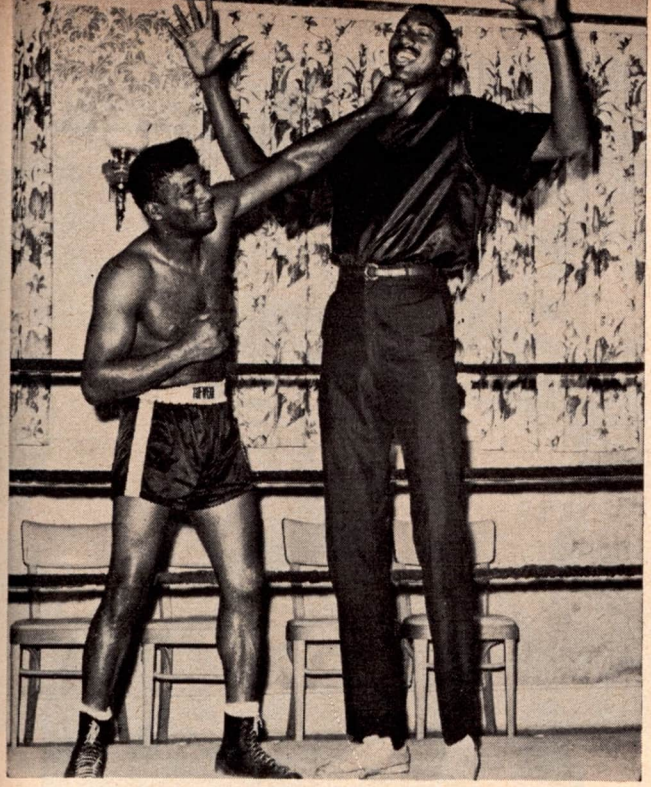
Dan Florio, Patterson's trainer, saw to it that Floyd's desire for an all-business camp was lived up to.

The Liston camp maintained a livelier tone. There was some fun, a little horse play.

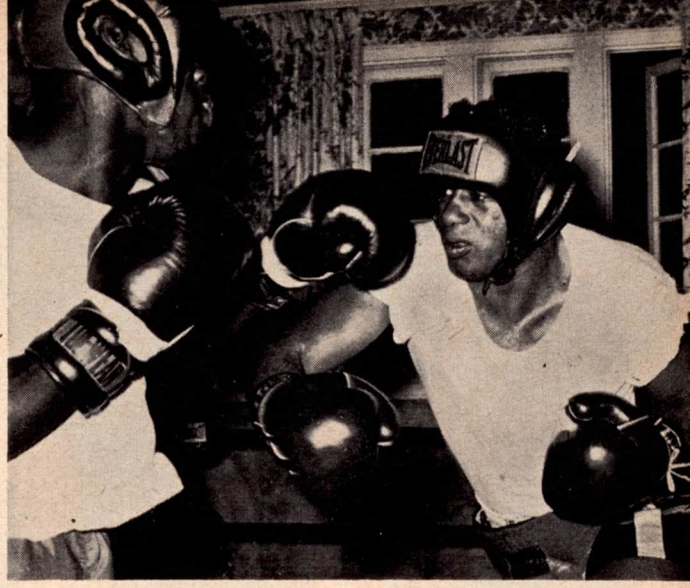
However, Sonny, too, held tenaciously to a set programme. The Patterson camp was hidden away. The public was not invited. The Liston camp was behind a big resort hotel and admission to his workouts was $1.

Liston is shown punching the small bag. He did not use this contraption quite the way Floyd punched his, working at angles.

Immediately after finishing his day's workout, Challenger Sonny Liston wants his cup of tea. The beverage is scalding hot and Sonny dumps a couple of teaspoonsful of sugar and a load of honey into it. Liston says it helps to refreshen him after a strenuous session in the gymnasium. The "sweets" in the tea also put back the weight he sweated out during the gym session.

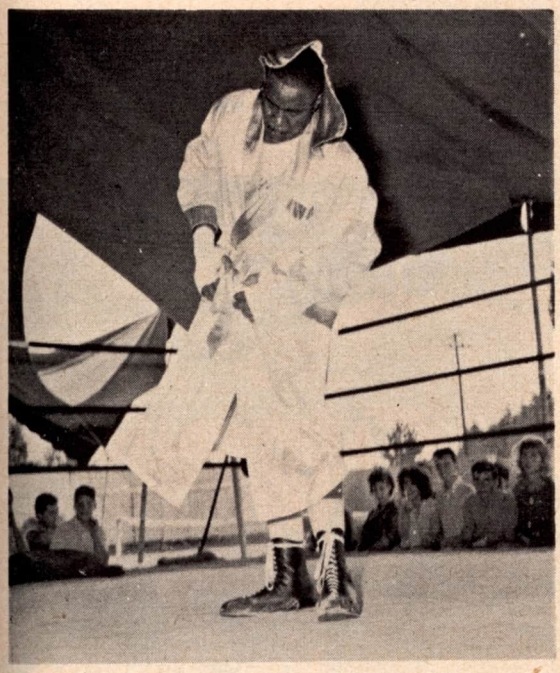


Patterson is not given to frivolity as a rule, and everything in his camp is generally serious business, but occasionally the champion can be induced to lend himself to a bit of "comic relief," as in this posed camera shot of him and Wilt (the Stilt) Chamberlain, 7 foot-2 inch professional basketball star.

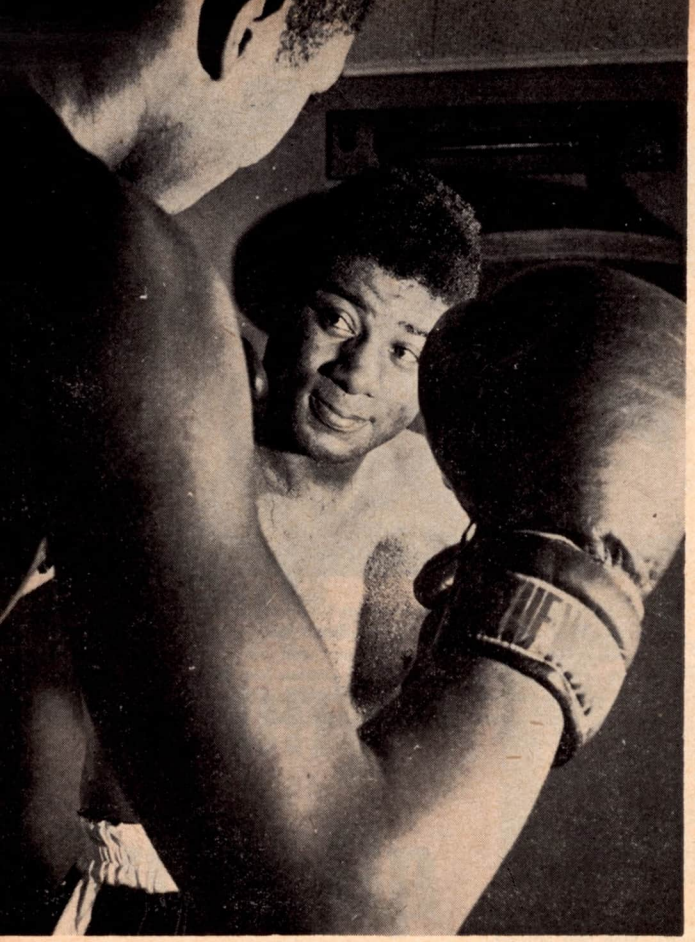


Note how tense the champion looks as he engages sparring partner Willy Jackson in a furious exchange. A significant feature of Patterson's training sessions is Floyd's preparations for any and all contingencies that may develop when he meets Liston. The champion has been paying particular attention to body punching, feeling that if Liston proves "too tough" to hurt with head blows, he may be susceptible to assaults on the mid-section.

Ben Skelton, a shifty boxer, is giving Sonny quite a heated session as the challenger works his jab. In an effort to combat Patterson's speed, Liston has been hiring sparring partners who can move around faster than normal heavyweights, and they've been giving him the sort of workouts he wants.



Here we have Liston shadow boxing before the dollar customers, as he warms up for his sparring workout.

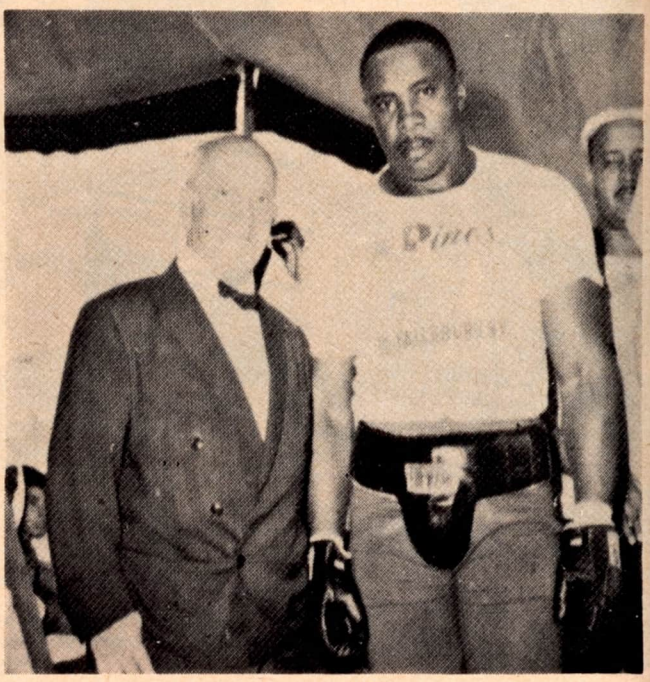


Here is an arty shot. Look through Ray Patterson's elbow and you see Floyd getting set to shoot at brother Ray's jaw.

A shower sure feels great, says Patterson, after a tough afternoon in a hot, sweaty gym. But, blankety-blank it, can't a guy have any privacy with sports writers and photographers nosing into everything?

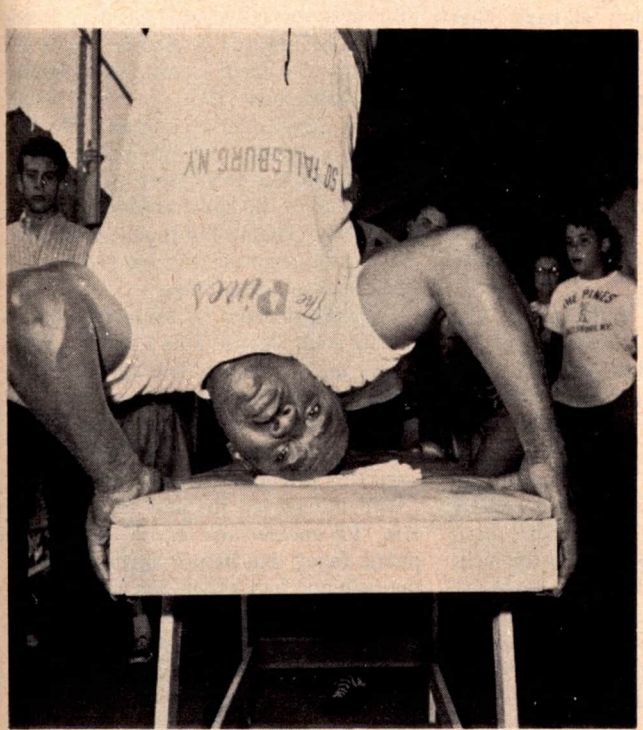
(Left) Liston is being prepared for his sparring sessions by Willie Reddish, his trainer. Liston is fortunate to have Reddish looking after him. Willie was a popular Philadelphia heavyweight during the late '20s and early '30s, and he knows every phase of the boxing business.

(Below) Liston is posing with Nat Fleischer, publisher of The Ring Magazine, at the challenger's camp.



The champion indulges in one of his none too frequent grins. He is placing his headgear at a jaunty angle. Once the day's work begins, however, Patterson settles down to serious business. There is no grinning during his sparring sessions, and his hired hands have some rough moments earning their pay.

Patterson, finished with his workout, is posing with his daughters who've been visiting him for the day. They seem quite bewildered by all the attention they and their illustrious dad have been getting from the public and the press. One difference between Patterson and Liston is that the champion insists on his family staying home, and visiting his camp only on rare occasions, while the challenger has his wife nearby, to supervise the cooking of his meals.



Liston is shown here in a position which Patterson says he will produce for the challenger in their title bout. Sonny is standing on his head.

Relaxing from the rugged grind of training, Liston finds himself involved in a game of softball at his camp.

THE "I" IN BOXING

The Ability To Talk Big Must Be Backed Up By The Ability To Fight Big. Words Without Deeds Mean Little

By TED CARROLL

OF the many pungent phrases attributed to President Theodore Roosevelt, probably the most quoted and best remembered is his classic rejoinder *"Speak softly—and carry a big stick."*

By and large our most noted boxers have adhered to this time-tested admonition. Joe Louis was the most famed disciple of this modest but mighty cult. Deeds, not words, were the stock-in-trade of the Brown Bomber, whose fists sounded thunderous overtones to the muted mumbles characteristic of his conversation in his glory days.

The great majority of fighters since his time, particularly the heavyweight champions, taking their cue from Louis have styled themselves after him in a manner of speaking—or more correctly, not speaking.

His immediate successor, Ezzard Charles, was reticent to the point of glumness. The one time Jersey Joe Walcott sounded off, before the Marciano fight, disaster was his fate. Marciano never lost a fight, but no one would ever know it if the information had to come from him.

Floyd Patterson carries the "speak softly" gimmick to such extremes, he is not only difficult to hear, the mantle of modesty he wraps about himself has all but obscured him from the public view.

With most pugilists of the time there is no more serious breach of behaviour than bragadoccio. The "soft answer not only turneth away wrath" as the Good Book says, it also turns away bad publicity and the unflattering public image which present day celebrities fear more than the Devil himself.

But there is a growing opinion that it also turns trade away from the turnstiles as the public becomes increasingly bored with this self-deprecation and too often assumed modesty.

Certainly the noisiest advocate of the new trend away from the silent style of Louis and his imitators is the undefeated young heavyweight Cassius Clay.

This shunning of loquacity, laments the lad from Louisville, breeds lethargy and only a heavy transfusion of colorful conversation can convert an ailing patient into the vigorous specimen boxing should be.

It is Clay's assertion that in his travels he has come upon wide-eyed urchins who upon hearing the name of Floyd Patterson have asked "Who he?"

This, the Kentuckian insists, should never be. The heavyweight champion of the world, he points out, has in times past yielded to no living human in holding the spotlight of world acclaim and he sees no reason why this position should not be revived.

Clay has taken upon himself a one man crusade to put the letter "I" back in boxing. Cassius also could have observed that the remaining letters in the word "Boxing"—"b-o", "x" and "n-g" all have either untidy, unlucky, or undesirable connotations in the lexicon of the language, leaving the first person singular "I' the sole redeeming feature of the word.

In his *"I am the greatest!"* campaign Clay has historical precedent on his side. In his grandparents' time it took a man of opinions similar to his—John L. Sullivan —to make boxing truly popular with the public.

"I can lick any man in the world!" old John L. would roar back in the "Eighties."

The world sat up and took notice of this brash and uninhibited brawler who brimmed over with self confidence.

Nor was James J. Corbett—John L.'s conqueror—a man of modest mien and manner. Note quite as loud, but equally emphatic, "Gentleman Jim" didn't hesitate to let everyone know he was top man.

The fate of Jack Johnson, however, made fighters—particularly those of his own race—wary of the consequences of singing their own praises. The Galveston master was never one to neglect blowing his own horn. Since he was fully equipped with the talents to make good his words, this peeved the public even more. Its attitude finally degenerated into a shameful persecution of a great boxer, ignited by the prejudices of the time.

Since Johnson's time Teddy Roosevelt's maxim has become part of the early training of most fighters, with rare exceptions, epitomized in the carefully indoctrinated reserve and modesty of Louis.

Even the managers, never noted in days gone by for taciturnity, have become almost conservative in prophecy.

Fighters of a talkative bent steer clear of forecasting the probable fates of their opponents. Sugar Ray Robinson, one of the most articulate of them, has never been known to call the turn publicly on an impending match, nor has he belittled or underrated any foe.

Of modern heavyweight champions only Max Baer comes to mind as being of Clay's convictions where wordiness is concerned. Although many have suspected that Maxie's mouthings fell in the "whistling past the graveyard" groove, Maxie made good most of his boasts save in the conspicuous case of Louis. His sounding-off before their 1935 meeting finally brought from Louis the laconic reply, "He better not get hit with his mouth open."

Most familiar to modern fight fans as the symbol of the blowhard boxer is blubbery Tony Galento but much of his ranting was the result of wily Joe Jacobs publicity spawned imaginings.

Galento, deflated by trouncings by the likes of Jack Dorval, Paul Cavalier, Eddie Mader and Al Gainor, but still packing a pulverizing left hook, might have remained mired in the Jersey marshes had not Jacobs hit upon the old John L. formula of attracting attention by barroom blatancy.

Galento played his part to perfection. His *"I'll moider the bum!"* caught the public fancy and before anyone knew it, the ballyhoo had blown him into the ring with Louis, who proceeded to demonstrate that talk is still cheap and silence is golden, by battering Tony into a soggy heap.

In the old days it was sometimes felt that Sam Langford could name the round with certain foes. Benny Leonard—it was said—also was capable of this accomplishment. But since neither of these was a braggart, if they could do this they kept it to themselves.

Making public announcements to this

effect has long been considered beyond the pale of polite pugilistic procedure. That is, until Clay came along. He is attempting to revive a long frowned upon custom of naming the round in which he will stop an opponent.

The intelligent Cassius is not unmindful of the humiliating risks involved in these assertions. *"If I ever lose one,"* he grins, *"I know I'll have to leave the country. But the main idea is, it keeps the folks interested in Cassius Clay."*

In six of his last seven fights Clay has confounded his critics by calling his shots with accuracy. Six rounds was all he gave veteran Alex Miteff in prefight statements which stood up. He correctly predicted seven rounds would see the finish of pudgy Willi Besmanoff, and foresaw the downfall of Sonny Banks, Don Warner, and George Logan in four rounds each, which is what happened.

Unbeaten up to then, Billy Daniels went past the five rounds allotted to him. Daniels not only went into the seventh but was affording Clay such stubborn opposition, he looked like a good bet to win.

He called the shot with Lavorante, five rounds.

Clay's ring analysis is simple and makes some sense.

Only Archie Moore, he reminds listeners, is newsworthy and why is ageless Archie so? He is never at a loss of words, no matter what the subject and even if it does not directly concern him.

To those who throw up Louis to him as the standard bearer of the silent men, Clay answers that when a man is that great a fighter he can afford to keep his mouth shut. But how many Louises are there and will there ever be another?

The Louisville lad's panacea for pugilism is talk and the arguments, excitement, and controversy which invariably follow loose lipped gab. *(Continued on page 48)*

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPS NEVER DIE

Max Baer, the fun-loving clown, was one of the most popular champions. Although his reign was short, he drew large crowds wherever he appeared, even long after his boxing career was over. Max was a Personality Kid, and would have been a success in any type of venture.

By AL BUCK
New York Post

UNLIKE the old soldiers in the barracks room ballad, heavyweight champions never fade away.

They are the giants of the ring. They are written about and talked about down through the years. If they are not immortal, they are permanent. Shortly before his death, Max Baer, discussing his career, declared: "Nothing can change the fact that I was the 13th heavyweight champion."

Madcap Max chose to equate the title with the Presidency of the United States. This was an exaggeration, of course, and there is no basis for comparing his career with that of our 13th President. From all accounts Millard Fillmore was a serious statesman. Such an approach would be contrary to Baer's nature.

Likeable, light-hearted and fun-loving Max laughed away the championship in one short year. Had he realized his potential, he might have been, at least in this writer's opinion, the greatest of all heavyweight kings.

In his one year, lacking a day,—from June 14, 1934 to June 13, 1935—Baer was as well known to his fellow Americans as Franklin D. Roosevelt. Even now, three years after his death, Baer's memory is fresh and green. A heavyweight champion takes the title to his grave.

Down through the years great champions have fought in the lighter divisions. Their deeds are recorded in The Ring Record Book, and with this they must rest content. A chosen few are in the Hall of Fame, but today's fan, conditioned to watching a fight on television, may never have heard of Stanley Ketchel or Joe Gans except for what they may have read in The Ring or the Ring Record Book.

Speaking for this lost generation, Abe Attell, now 78, and the cleverest of all featherweight champions, may have said it better, when he explained: "The writers who saw me fight are all dead."

Attell was referring to W. W. Naughton, Bob Edgren, Damon Runyon and Hype Igoe. One of them, it may have been the talented Tad Dorgan, dubbed Abe the "Little Champ." At the same time they were calling Jack Johnson the "Big Champ."

"The Great John L.", Sullivan, the first of the boxers to have the magic touch with the fans. He was a living legend, followed around by huge crowds wherever he went.

Rocky Marciano, the last of the champions with large followings, is shown clowning about with Jerry Lewis (on his shoulders) and Dean Martin. Marciano lacked the poise of a Baer or a Sullivan, but his fighting feats won him his fans.

The inference is clear.

In a later generation Benny Leonard, Harry Greb and Mickey Walker were idols of the boxing public. To writers like Walter St. Denis, Bill McGehan, Jimmy Dawson and Vincent Treanor, all outstanding in their field, Benny was boxing perfection personified.

Yet, today, the memory of Leonard and his brilliance has already begun to fade, and not too many of the current generation recall the great records of Greb and Walker. But Jack Dempsey, the heavyweight champion of that era, has become an American legend. His popularity goes on with no sign of faltering. The populace will never forget the Manassa Mauler.

Ask present-day writers who are the outstanding boxers of recent years and no doubt the names of Ray Robinson, Archie Moore and Willie Pep will predominate. Yet it is safe to say that long after Sugar Ray, Ancient Archie and Will-o'-the-Wisp Willie have become little more than vague memories, you'll still be hearing of Jersey Joe Walcott, Rocky Marciano and Floyd Patterson. And for the sole reason that they were heavyweight champions. Technically, the ruler of the heavyweight roost may not be the best in his class. But he happens to be champion of ALL boxing.

The interest in boxing soars when a heavyweight championship match is on tap. It is to the ring what the world series is to baseball, the Davis Cup to tennis, the Masters tournament to golf and the Kentucky Derby to horse racing. Nothing in boxing excites the public so much as a heavyweight title bout.

Ring historians are virtually unanimous in naming the Jack Dempsey-Luis Angel Firpo battle at New York's Polo Grounds in 1923 as the most sensational in boxing history. Yet, frankly, there have been others just as exciting, if not more so. For one, there was the Benny Leonard-Richie Mitchell clash in old Madison Square Garden in 1921. But the Leonard-Mitchell bout was a lightweight title match; the Dempsey-Firpo brawl was for the heavyweight title. That was the difference.

In the long ago, when I was a youth in short pants in Boston, John L. Sullivan was a familiar figure on Washington and Tremont Streets, on the Common, and in Haymarket and Scolly Squares. Doc Almy, a famous Boston reporter quoted him frequently in the Boston Post. John L. was nothing but a fat old man with a white mustache, but to every proper Bostonian, he was the heavyweight champion.

Sullivan lived off the title, lecturing on such subjects as the evil of drink, and giving interviews on how to crush the Kaiser. He played the Old Howard, famed burlesque theatre, annually and as a patriotic citizen, helped sell Liberty Bonds. James J. Corbett was as Irish as any of them, but the Boston Irish never forgave him for knocking out John L. Sullivan.

There is the story of the unidentified, but otherwise long remembered Boston lady, who asked Corbett if he had beaten the great John L. Gentleman Jim confessed that alas, it was true.

"Sure and you had little to do," was the lady's cutting comment.

Posterity came to know Sullivan through the several biographies written about him, one "John L. Sullivan" by Nat Fleischer, publisher of The Ring. Hollywood made a motion picture based on his life, "The Great John L." He will be remembered always for his famous boast: "I can lick any so-and-so in the house."

Much of Dempsey's popularity can be attributed to a bout in which he lost—that historic second meeting with Gene Tunney in Chicago in 1927. It was the "Battle of the Long Count."

The fact that Dempsey was whipped in that bout—he was near exhaustion at the final bell—has been overlooked by Jack's worshippers. All that is remembered is that Dempsey, in his one big bid for victory, sent Tunney crashing to the canvas in the seventh round, and Gene was supposed to have been down fourteen seconds or longer before he struggled to his feet. Aside from that one sensational episode, Manassa Jack was thoroughly beaten, but the public, convinced that he had been "robbed," swung its sympathy and admiration toward him, and to this day, thirty-five years later, he is still hailed as "The Champ," a tremendously popular favorite wherever he goes.

The scramble following Tunney's retirement in 1928 produced four champions in five years. The title went from Max Schmeling to Jack Sharkey to Primo Carnera to Max Baer to James J. Braddock. Schmeling had the misfortune to be exploded by Hitler, as were all Germans in that shocking period. Max resides in Hamburg, where *(Continued on page 48)*

Joe Louis, shown visiting an Army hospital during his time in service, was the greatest "Good Will Ambassador" boxing ever had. Louis, a soft-spoken man, with a wonderful sense of humor, made friends throughout the world. He toured the camps in World War Two.

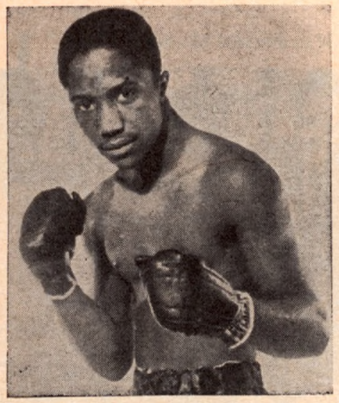
WORLD RATINGS

By NAT FLEISCHE

WORLD RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 20, 1962

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
FLOYD PATTERSON, Scarsdale, N. Y.
1–**SONNY LISTON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2–**EDDIE MACHEN,** Portland, Ore.
3–**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Ariz.
4–**INGEMAR JOHANSSON,** Sweden
5–**ARCHIE MOORE,** San Diego, Calif.
6–**CLEVELAND WILLIAMS,** Houston, Tex.
7–**CASSIUS CLAY,** Louisville, Ky.
8–**HENRY COOPER,** England
9–**ROBERT CLEROUX,** Canada
10–**MIKE DeJOHN,** Syracuse, N. Y.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
PAUL PENDER, Brookline, Mass.
*1–**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
2–**DICK TIGER,** Nigeria
3–**TERRY DOWNES,** England
4–**DENNY MOYER,** Portland, Ore.
5–**GEORGE BENTON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
6–**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Cherry Hill, N. J.
7–**JOEY GIAMBRA,** Buffalo, N. Y.
8–**HENRY HANK,** Detroit, Mich.
9–**LUIS FOLLEDO,** Spain
10–**JESSE SMITH,** Philadelphia, Pa.
*NBA Middleweight champion



DAVEY MOORE FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
HAROLD JOHNSON, Philadelphia, Pa.
1–**GIULIO RINALDI,** Italy
2–**DOUG JONES,** New York, N. Y.
3–**MAURO MINA,** Peru
4–**EDDIE COTTON,** Seattle, Wash.
5–**GUSTAV SCHOLZ,** Germany
6–**WILLIE PASTRANO,** Miami, Fla.
7–**CHIC CALDERWOOD,** Scotland
8–**BOBO OLSON,** Honolulu, Hawaii
9–**PETER GUMPERT,** Germany
10–**ALLEN THOMAS,** Chicago, Ill.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
EMILE GRIFFITH, New York, N. Y.
1–**LUIS RODRIGUEZ,** Miami, Fla.
2–**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
3–**TED WRIGHT,** Detroit, Mich.
4–**JORGE FERNANDEZ,** Argentina
5–**BRIAN CURVIS,** Wales
6–**CURTIS COKES,** Dallas, Tex.
7–**RIP RANDALL,** Dallas, Tex.
8–**GUY SUMLIN,** Pritchard, Ala.
9–**BOB FOSMIRE,** Rockaway, N. J.
10–**BRUNO VISINTIN,** Italy

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
EDER JOFRE, Sao Paulo, Brazil
1–**JOE MEDEL,** Mexico
2–**ALPHONSE HALIMI,** France
3–**JOHNNY CALDWELL,** Ireland
4–**ISMAEL LAGUNA,** Panama
5–**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
6–**PIERRE COSSEMYNS,** Belgium
7–**HERMAN MARQUES,** Stockton, Calif.
8–**CARLOS HERNANDEZ,** Mexico
9–**KATSUTOSHI AOKI,** Japan
10–**FREDDIE KILROY,** Ireland

A number of new faces appear in the international ratings due to activity in several divisions which forced some of those with high rankings to be dropped and others in the select circle to be eliminated to make way for replacements. In the heavyweight class Mike DeJohn, who has been in and out of the ratings over the past three years, has returned following his upset triumph over Robert Cleroux of Canada, champion of his country. DeJohn is now tenth.

Cassius Clay of Louisville, now preparing for his bout with Archie Moore, advanced in the heavyweight division from 9 to 7, on his knockout triumph of Alejandro Lavorante of Argentina.

The victory of Feather champion Davey Moore over the Finnish title holder, Ollie Maeki, gained for him the "Fighter of the Month Award." It also paved the way for his title fight with Sugar Ramos, his Number One ranked challenger.

In the light heavyweight class, Eddie Cotton of Seattle, winner over Pekka Kokkonnen of Finland, advanced from 5 to 4, trading posts with inactive Gustav Scholz of Germany.

An excellent win for George Benton of Philadelphia who defeated Joey Giardello, moved Benton from 10 to 5, the best advance a fighter has made in some months among the middleweights. Joey Giambra of Buffalo, Henry Hank of Detroit, Luis Folledo of Spain and Jesse Smith of Philadelphia, all were dropped one peg.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
DUILIO LOI, Milan, Italy
1–**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
2–**EDDIE PERKINS,** Gary, Ind.
3–**JOSE STABLE,** Cuba
4–**LOUIS MOLINA,** San Jose, Calif.
5–**PAUL ARMSTEAD,** Los Angeles, Calif.
6–**BATTLING TORRES,** Mexico
7–**ANGEL GARCIA,** Cuba
8–**AISSA HASHAS,** France
9–**BEN MEDINA,** Fresno, Calif.
10–**SID PRIOR,** Australia

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
GABRIEL (Flash) ELORDE, Manila, Philippines
1–**AUBURN COPELAND,** Flint, Mich.
2–**SERGIO CAPRARI,** Italy
3–**OSCAR REYES,** Philippines
4–**HAROLD GOMES,** Providence, R. I.
5–**RAY NOBILE,** Italy
6–**JOSE LUIS CRUZ,** Mexico
7–**JOHNNY BIZZARRO,** Erie, Pa.
8–**DAVID FLOYD,** Australia
9–**LOVE ALLOTEY,** Ghana
10–**TOMMY TIBBS,** Boston, Mass.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)
PONE KINGPETCH, Bangkok, Thailand
1–**SALVATORE BURRUNI,** Italy
2–**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
3–**PASCUAL PEREZ,** Argentina
4–**BERNARDO CARBALLAO,** Columbia
5–**MIMUN BEN ALI,** Spain
6–**HORACIO ACCAVALLO,** Argentina
7–**KYO NOGNCHI,** Japan
8–**ERNESTO MIRANDA,** Argentina
9–**CHUCHO HERNANDEZ,** Mexico
10–**FIGHTING HARADA,** Japan

Rip Randall of Dallas, who scored two wins during the month, moved from 8 to 7, trading with inactive Guy Sumlin of Pritchard, Alabama in the welter class.

Bunny Grant of Jamaica, newly crowned British Empire champion by virtue of his victory over Dave Charnley of England, has been shifted from the junior welter class where he was rated fifth to the lightweight class where he is now ranked fourth and Charnley was dropped to seventh from his high fourth position.

Teruo Kosaka of Japan who lost the Orient title back to Flash Elorde, lost his high post and is down from 5 to 8 in the lightweight class. Alfredo Urbina of Mexico advanced from 6 to 5 and Arthur Persbey of *(Continued on page 49)*

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS ORTIZ, New York, N. Y.
1–**JOE BROWN,** Houston, Tex.
2–**DOUG VAILLANT,** Cuba
3–**CARLOS HERNANDEZ,** Venezuela
4–**BUNNY GRANT,** Jamaica
5–**ALFREDO URBINA,** Mexico
6–**ARTHUR PERSLEY,** Red Crosse, La.
7–**DAVE CHARNLEY,** England
8–**TERUO KOSAKA,** Japan
9–**GENE GRESHAM,** Detroit, Mich.
10–**SOLOMON BOYSAW,** Cleveland, O.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
DAVEY MOORE, Springfield, O.
1–**SUGAR RAMOS,** Cuba
2–**RAFIU KING,** Nigeria
3–**HOWARD WINSTONE,** Wales
4–**KAZUO TAKAYAMA,** Japan
5–**JET BALLY,** Philippines
6–**DANNY VALDEZ,** Los Angeles, Calif.
7–**GRACIEUX LAMPERTI,** France
8–**DON JOHNSON,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9–**OSCAR DIAZ,** Argentina
10–**ALBERTO SERTI,** Italy

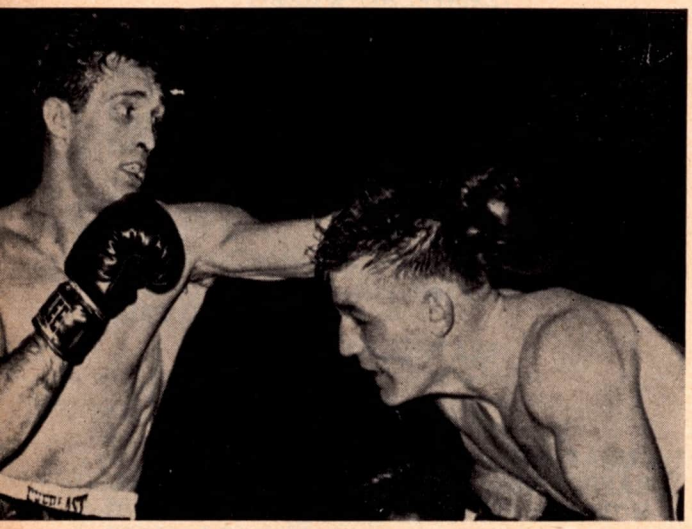
PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

	Pro Debut	Total	Won	Lost	Draws	Kayos
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Willie McDonald, Fresno, Calif.	5/61	11	8	3	0	8
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Buck Jordan, Anchorage, Alaska	4/61	4	3	0	0	1
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Jean Josselin, Paris, France	1/62	12	12	0	0	8
WELTERWEIGHT						
Tim Ford, Jacksonville, Fla.	3/62	6	6	0	0	0
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Rocky Cartier, New Bedford, Mass.	11/61	7	6	1	0	1
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Porfiria Zamora, Corpus Christi, Tex.	3/62	5	5	0	0	4
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Gallito Perez, Oaxaca, Mexico	5/62	3	3	0	0	1
FLYWEIGHT						
Paolo Curcetti, Foggia, Italy	6/61	7	7	0	0	3

"GOING TO THE DOGS"

By JOEY GIAMBRA
Veteran Middleweight Contender

As told to Lester Bromberg
(World Telegram and Sun)



Giambra, the "master boxer," misses a left jab against Britisher Johnny Sullivan, during their bout in Syracuse way back in 1956. A crafty fighter, Joe has been a top contender for many years but has never had a chance at the middleweight crown.

I HAVE been fighting 13 years as a professional, I have been raising prize dogs for 11 years. My breed should be boxers and I should have the fightingest kennel in America.

If I haven't mixed you up enough yet, let me begin.

One night in 1956 I beat an English middleweight by the appropriate name of John L. Sullivan, at Syracuse. A reporter for the Associated Press asked, "What's your big ambition—to win the championship?"

I was honest. I'd like that, I told him. But I admitted that I could be almost as happy if I could win the best-in-show at the Westminster Kennel Club. Breeding and training dogs is fascinating me.

"I have made headway with the pups. In Buffalo, where I come from, my dachshunds and my basset hound won prizes. All over the country, wherever I've fought, people from dog shows invite me to put my dogs into what they call 'sanctioned matches.'

Breeders keep telling me: "Joey, you're a born dog handler. Whenever you're ready to give up boxing, come in with us. In no time, you'll be making big money."

That's what I may wind up doing—that is, I will if I don't become an actor full-time. I've gone to dramatic school and this last year, while I've been around Los Angeles, I've gotten some movie work. I like it.

Maybe I like too many things. I've mentioned the dogs and the picture work. But the fight game is in my blood. The solution would be to win the title and play the lead in a movie in which I'm a top dog-breeder.

FEELS LUCKY HE HAS MAN OF INTEREST

All right, Giambra, you can dream. But, cutting out the gags

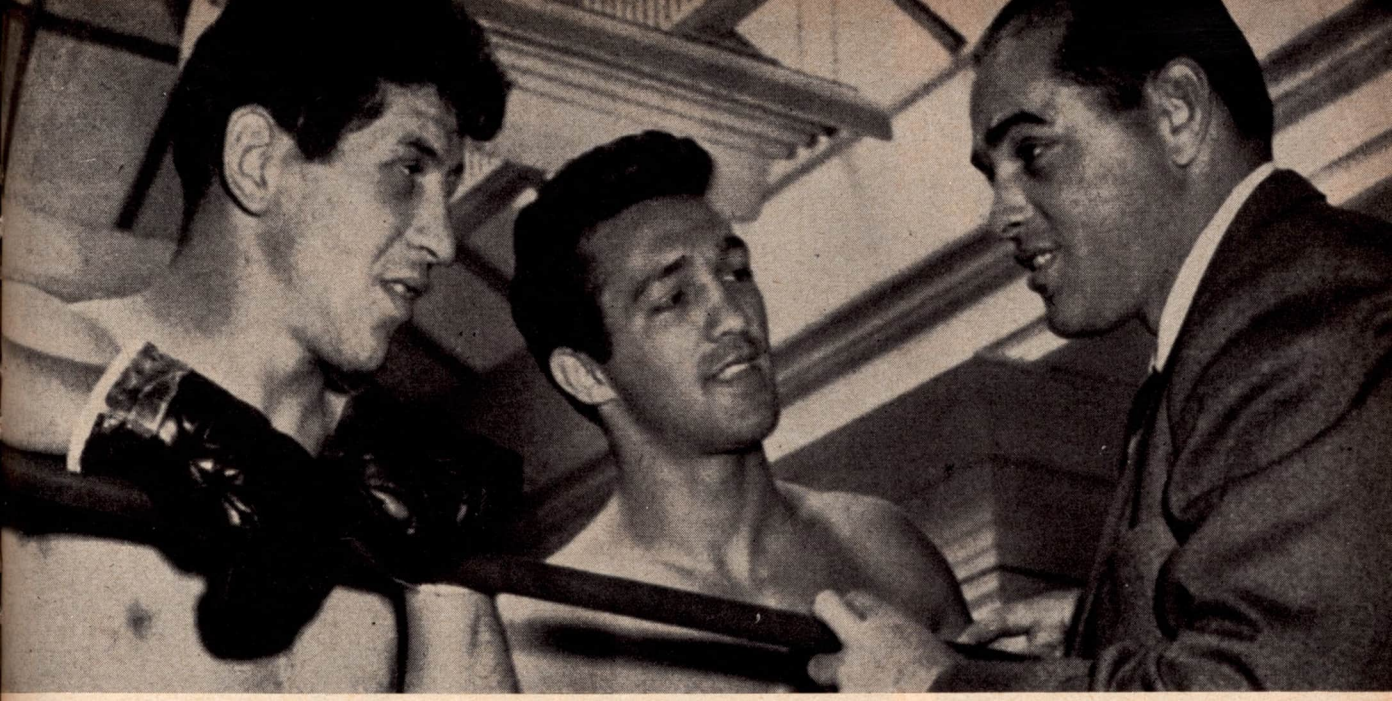
Joey and his former stablemates enjoy a bit of poker. This scene took place a few years ago when the "Boys" from Buffalo had their headquarters set up in San Francisco, California. (Left to right) Richie Todaro, Bobby Scanlan, Rocky Fumerelle and Giambra.

—my best one used to be "I'll go to the dogs before I get anywhere in boxing." I may be a lucky guy to have so many interests.

They've kept me from becoming a crusty, disappointed fighter. Anybody who fought as much, and hasn't got more to show for it, would hate everything if that's all he had to think about.

I've kept my sense of humor, if not my money. And it may mean I still can get some place, at my age—31. That's young in boxing today, especially in my division, the middleweight.

Look at Gene Fullmer, who holds the NBA title. He was born on July 21, 1931, making him just nine days younger than me. Paul Pender, who's champ in New York, Massachusetts



Former middleweight champion Bobo Olson gives some words of advice to Joey Giardello and Giambra before the two Joeys met in their "rubber" match in 1958 that took place in 'Frisco. Giambra won what was billed as an elimination contest, but it was Giardello who got a title fight with Gene Fullmer.

and England, is in his thirties. Even Dick Tiger, the British Empire champ, who has been matched with Fullmer, is up there in years too. So is Pender.

I've got news for Tiger. Chasing champs can wear you out. You know how far back I began hollering for a title fight? When Bobo Olson was the champ. In 1955 I fought Olson over-the-weight. It was a TV fight in San Francisco. I was in the Army at the time and couldn't train the way a civilian can. At that, I deserved the decision.

Well, Bobo wouldn't give me a chance at the championship and neither would Sugar Ray Robinson after he got the title from Bobo on his comeback. Fullmer, Pender—and Tiger—, they've all seen my calling card. No soap.

But the boys know I'm around. Some day some champ is going to break down and give Pal Joey a chance. It's got to happen.

JOEY NOW GOING IN FOR HAMMER AND TONGS

Anyway I'm baiting the hook. In my recent fights I've changed my style. From the cozy, lay-back boxing I did for so long, I've gone in for open, hammer and tongs stuff. It may lose a fight for you here and there but you make friends, influence people. You begin to get the kind of publicity you need.

Let me give you a for-instance. This spring Yama Bahama was scheduled to fight Farid Salim on a national TV fight in New York. Yama got sick and I got a hurry-up call. Now Salim was a tall fellow with a good left hand and an awkward style. If I had boxed him my old way, I likely could have won but the fight would have been a stinker.

Instead, I ripped and tore. I knew I was playing into his hands, yet I also knew it would make a good impression. I wasn't wrong. He got the decision but a short while later the TV circuit needed somebody for Florantino Fernandez at Miami Beach. They thought of me.

Maybe you caught me on the air with Fernandez. Again I didn't go in for smart, stick-and-run maneuvering. I planted my feet firmly and banged him with the most stinging shots I had, left hooks, right uppercuts, right crosses. He was game and rough but I got through. I concentrated on his schnoz, which stands out like a headlight.

I scored so often and bloodied him up so much the referee had to stop it.

This, friends, is the new Joey. He also has a new manager and a new trainer, Willie Ketchum and Teddy Bentham. They're good for me. Willie knows how to get me fights. Teddy is a sparkplug in the corner, noisy, nippy. Sometimes he drives me so hard it's a relief to get out and face the opponent.

Of course, in many ways I miss my old manager and long-time sidekick, Mike Scanlan. I was with him for 70 fights and over 12 years. We were one of those Svengali-Trilby teams. Now and then he'd bug me up but we never had real trouble. I didn't want to leave him particularly. The thing was, he sold the contract and I had to go along.

SCANLAN POSSIBLY TOO SOFT FOR GIAMBRA

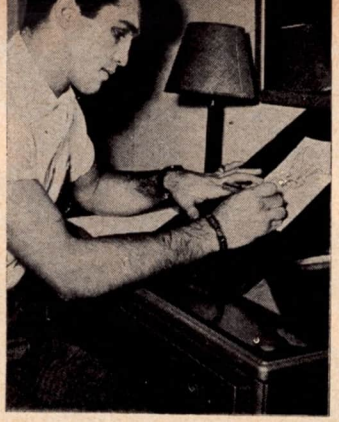
Looking back now, it could be a good thing for me that we separated. I was in a rut with Mike. Besides, he wasn't lucky with me and vice versa. Whenever we got close to something big, something would happen. I'd get bone chips in the elbow. Once I had my jaw broken.

Those were the days when we hopped all over the country aiming to find a place to settle down. We shuffled out of Buffalo and tried Texas, then San Francisco, then Texas again. Finally we got located in Los Angeles. That's where Scanlan told me we were going to be "divorced." I also was divorced from my wife at about the same time.

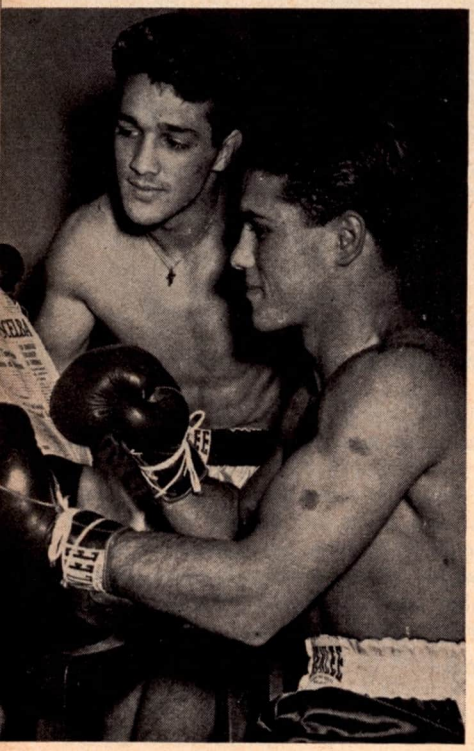
I could blame my old super-careful style on Mike, to some extent. He was like a father to me and is your dad going to tell you to go out there and take chances, no matter what? I got to be fair. Maybe it was just myself. I was a good-looking kid starting out—hell, I ain't ugly now—and I might have worried about getting belted around the face.

I might even wind up hanging the rap on the first name fighter who was a friend of mine. Lee Oma. Remember him? He was a tall, black-haired breezy-talking heavyweight out of Detroit. He was a Pole, his real name was Frank Cjaweski, and there was a whole colony of Poles in Buffalo. That's why Tex Sullivan, who was managing him (and who managed me with Scanlan for a while), brought him up there.

I was shining shoes in the gym and Oma spoiled me right off



(Above) A talented artist, Joey likes to relax by drawing. (Below) Italian born Italo Scortichini helps his "Pisan" read about their upcoming fight in the Italian language paper.



Joey and Al Andrews (Left) give "March of Dimes" Cover Girl Nancy Racette a lift before their charity bout in Norfolk, Va., which Joey won by a decision.

the bat. Until he came around, I was glad to get 15 cents for a shine. Lee threw me a dollar bill and I flipped. He was my hero from then on. He had a million-dollar smile and, as I soon learned, didn't have any use for money except to throw it away.

JOEY TELLS ABOUT OMA, EARLY FAVORITE

Oma had been what they called, in those days, a knock-around guy. In the ring Lee was smart as a whip. He had no condition, he stepped out at night with the Polish social clubs, he hated the gym, but he knew what to do and how to do it effortlessly.

His left hand was long and snaky. He could keep anybody off balance. His own legs looked shaky. He was afraid they were going to collapse under him. He had reason to. That didn't keep him from operating, though. He'd jab and grab, he was as sticky as flypaper when he wanted to hold.

His right hand was a good shot. And he could do a lot of things with his elbows, gloves. He could pick off, hit with the same hand.

Sullivan said there was no ambition in Oma and never would be. But he had been terrific when there was a spark in him. Once Tex had Lee in a Monday night small-money fight at the Queensboro. The next day Madison Square Garden lost half of its main event of that Friday night. Joe Baksi was sick. Sullivan could have the bout with Tami Mauriello, if he could locate Oma.

Lee wasn't at his hotel or any of his other hangouts. Tex found him in a fleabag. Steamed out and scrubbed up, Oma fought Mauriello that Friday. He had Tami on the floor, but ran out of gas. A few months later he beat Mauriello 10 out of 10. Soon he fought Baksi and played with the fellow.

Eventually Tex got Oma a heavyweight title fight with Ezzard Charles. "He was a better boxer than the champion, he could punch better but I knew he would go just so far," Tex had told me in recalling the fight. "I was right. After eight rounds he had it made. Then, in the 10th, he just quit."

"NEVER BORROWED ANY QUIT FROM OMA."

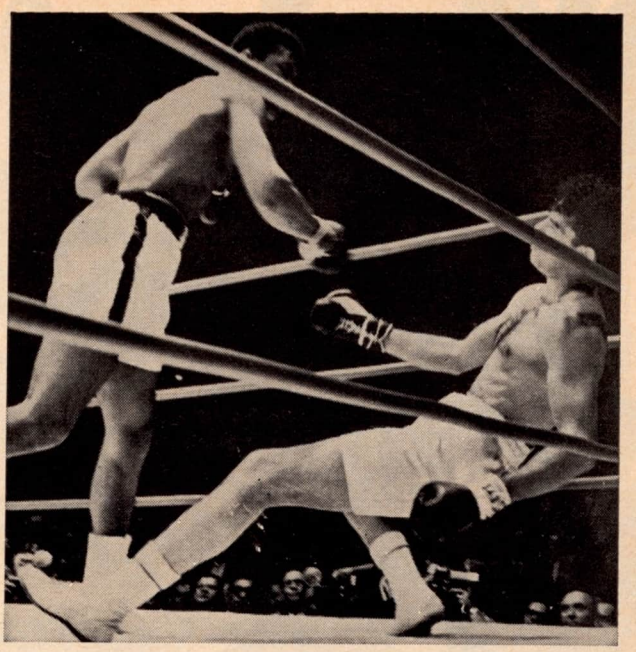
That was my friend Lee. But make no mistake, I never borrowed any quit from him. In my whole record you'll never find a fight in which I couldn't, or wouldn't, go the distance. I knocked out almost half the guys I beat.

But, being honest with myself, I can remember fights when I didn't set a pace the way I should, fights I won too.

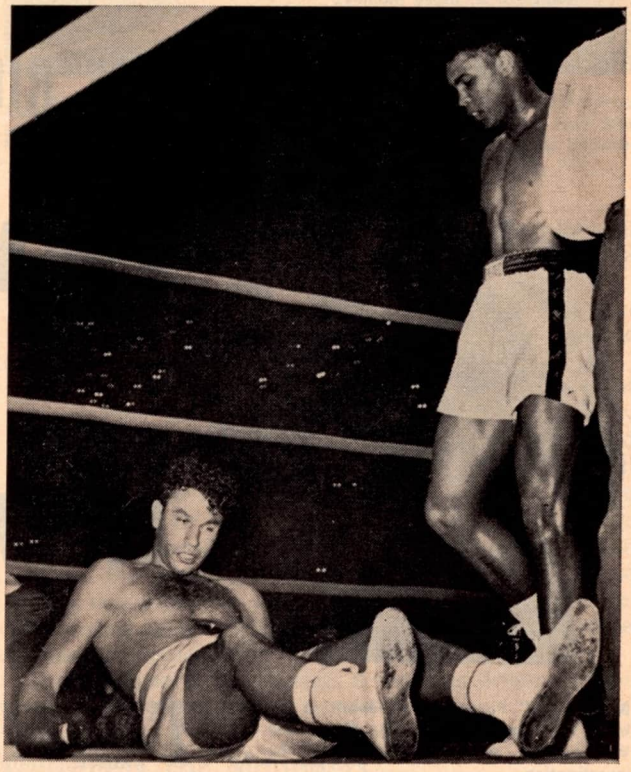
There was that night in the Garden in 1956 when I was boxing Gil Turner. By 1956, Turner was pretty well gone. Once he had been a three-minute-a-round two-handed bomber. Now he was at a stage where he was lucky if he could keep a rally up for 20 or 30 seconds. *(Continued on page 46)*

Cassius Clay Outfights, Outtalks Lavorante—Now Wants Moore

By BILL MILLER



The first knockdown came early in the fatal fifth round as Clay crashed a right off the side of Lavorante's head. At 199, Cassius was the heaviest of his young career, but still spotted his opponent nine pounds.



Cassius stands over Alejandro as the referee moves in to signal the end of the fight. No count was needed. It was plain to all that the fight was over.

"*LAVORANTE will fall in five,*" said Cassius Marcellus Clay. And fall he did. Before a howling crowd of 11,400, on hand at the Los Angeles Sports Arena, for the "Fight for Life" boxing show, the swift talking, swift punching, young twenty year old, once again made his fists back up his boasts.

Clay, who has made a game of naming in advance the round in which he would dispose of an opponent, had said it would take him five rounds to finish off the tall Argentinian who had entered the ring a slight favorite to hand the former Olympic champion his first pro defeat.

Despite the fact that Lavo had been stopped by Archie Moore in his last bout, the experts figured he hit too hard and had too much experience for Clay.

However, Clay knew better, he had said, "*what an 'old man' can do a 'young one' can do better, it took Moore ten, it will take me five.*"

Now he will fight Moore. The gate of $64,000 of which each received a guarantee of $12,500 was just about half of the $122,677.00 that Moore and Lavorante drew. But there is little doubt that the match between the two talkative battlers would draw close to a quarter of a million dollars. Right now it looms as the hottest box office attraction on the west coast and will push back a Moore-Johansson match that was in the planning stages for Tijuana.

Archie has said he will go where the money is, and a Clay fight in Los Angeles is a big money shot for the "Ancient One." He has been guaranteed $75,000 and Clay $40,000.

Moore has said "*Never send a boy on a Man errand,*" so we should see who talks the best when the old and the new meet.

As for the Clay-Lavorante fight it was not what could be called a great one, although it had its moments.

Cassius used his speed to befuddle Alex. His left jab darted into the bigger man's face from the start and opened a slight cut over his left eye in the first round and started a trickle of blood running down Lavo's face. Clay was moving swift and sure and Alex could not figure out how to handle him.

The second round was following the same pattern, when Clay landed flush with a straight right hand lead to the jaw. Lavo staggered half-way across the ring into the ropes and Cassius followed up and shook his man with a sharp one-two to the chin at the bell.

Alejandro came out swinging in the third, but he was too tense and missed his man with almost every blow as Clay glided out of range while countering beautifully. Clay played a waiting game throughout the third and fourth rounds, he let Lavo

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Members of the N.Y. State Legislative Committee on Professional boxing opening its meeting to investigate "unwholesome influences" as part of a general study of the sport in the wake of the death of Benny "Kid" Paret. Seated from left are Sen. Meighan, Sen. Conklin, Vice-Chairman Joseph F. Carlino, Assembly speaker; Representative Anthony J. Travia, Minority leader; Chairman Plimadore, Sen. Pino and Representative A. Bruce Manley.

Benny "Kid" Paret, whose death in his bout with Emile Griffith for the world Welterweight title, brought about the investigation.

THE RING DETECTIVE

INVESTIGATES THE INVESTIGATIONS

By DAN DANIEL

THIS is by way of being an investigation into an investigation. The Ring Detective, hitherto busy among the crumbling files and dusty tomes of the past, now finds himself probing into the current probe into boxing as it is in the State of New York, engineered by a legislative committee.

You might ask, "Why? What do you hope to dig out of it all? What did any investigation of the past ever bring to light? How many reforms have been developed out of demands growing out of such legislative mining?"

Well, that's just it. What does this 1962 committee hope to bring to light in the way of situations demanding change, and abuses commanding reform? And, having demanded and commanded, to what extent do these digging legislators have the weapons with which to force changes?

The New York State probe was instigated by the death of Benny Paret after his losing title fight with Emile Griffith in the Garden on March 24.

There had been other ring fatalities, many of them. But now the time appeared to be right for picking on boxers. Men who for years had written about the ring in terms bordering on endearment suddenly turned on boxing and attacked it with unbridled vehemence

and a lack of logic never before suspected as their primary failing.

The New York Commission, headed by General Melvin Krulewitch, was disposed to regard the Paret fatality as something beyond the control of its own members, referee Ruby Goldstein, Griffith himself, and the climate of the times.

But in Albany, capital of the State of New York, there is a Governor named Nelson Rockefeller who has White House ambitions, yearnings.

"Disgusted Public" Stormed its TV's

When newspaper blasting of boxing achieved a maudlin pitch, the politically conscious Governor saw that he might have to get into the picture.

So he got the Legislature to name a committee to investigate boxing in the State of New York. Later, when Sonny Liston sought a license to fight in New York for the title, repercussions of the Paret case, whether through the Governor or without his involvement, brought a refusal. This chased the Patterson-Liston fight to Illinois. Maybe that was good.

Out in California, Governor Edmund G. Brown dashed to the top of the national rostrum and attacked boxing as "dirty, rotten and brutalizing."

Of course, if boxing was all of that, it wallowed in this condition before the Paret fatality. But until Paret died there was no ready market for attacks on boxing by public officials.

In the meantime, men whose business concerns itself with public reaction via television obtained astonishing evidence. While all the excitement over the Paret tragedy was at its crest, Paul Pender met Terry Downes again, in Boston.

All of the agencies which have ways of rating TV attractions concentrated on the response to the fistic telecast out of the Boston Garden.

Some 3,000,000 television receivers, many, many more than had been in action for the Griffith-Paret fight, were trained on the brawl in the Hub.

In short, if a "disgusted" public really had turned its back on boxing it was taking devious ways for showing its displeasure. The do-gooders were confounded and exasperated.

Ultimately Albany announced that the proper group of the proper political complexion had been set up to delve into New York boxing and determine if conditions warranted a recommendation that the Walker Law be repealed.

Then came a big debut meeting in New York, in which the Legislative Committee and its lawyers made their appearance before the cameras, still and moving.

Chairman Wants to Void Patterson's Title

Hayward H. Plumadore, chairman of the Legislative Committee, soon showed which way the wind was blowing, and could be expected to continue to blow, with the Olympian announcement that his group might recommend that the New York Commission should declare the heavyweight championship vacant.

What did Patterson and Liston have to do with the Committee's function and where did Plumadore get the quaint notion that the New York Commission could take the championship away from Floyd?

Some of the writers had strange reactions to the Plumadore manifesto.

They said, "This Committee is like all the other legislative groups that have become involved with boxing. It wants headlines, it hungers for publicity. There is a suspicion that the Committee is not clear as to where it is heading and why it exists."

Plumadore did not make it very plain why he was so antagonistic to Patterson. It was insinuated that Plumadore, a Republican member of the Assembly from Saranac Lake, did not have very many Negro voters in his district.

ABOLISH BOXING— Assemblyman Max M. Turshen of Brooklyn, who demanded that the New York State legislature should abolish boxing. He called boxing a "Roman Spectacle."

It also was insinuated that Plumadore had not been seen at Garden fights a sufficient number of times, if at all, to set him up as a personally briefed expert.

On went the Legislative Committee's investigations. Goldstein, Griffith, Manuel Alfaro, Paret's manager, Gil Clancy, Emile's pilot, trainers and assistant trainers—all were quizzed.

After this had been going on for some time it became evident that: 1) There had been a fight between champion Paret and challenger Griffith; 2) That Griffith had stopped Paret in the twelfth round; 3) That Paret had died some days later and that this was tragic, deplorable, an act of God, an act of man and something which could not have been prevented in an honest fight; 4) That Benny's beating by Gene Fullmer may have superinduced the tragedy.

In the course of the hearings it also was determined that poor Mrs. Paret had become a widow.

Questions For Managers Set High in Futility

One hot afternoon late in July a fight manager brought into the offices of The Ring Magazine a questionnaire he had received from the Legislative Committee.

Many probing bodies have adopted many different methods of delving. But this questionnaire was about the most fantastic "weapon" any investigators into boxing yet had produced.

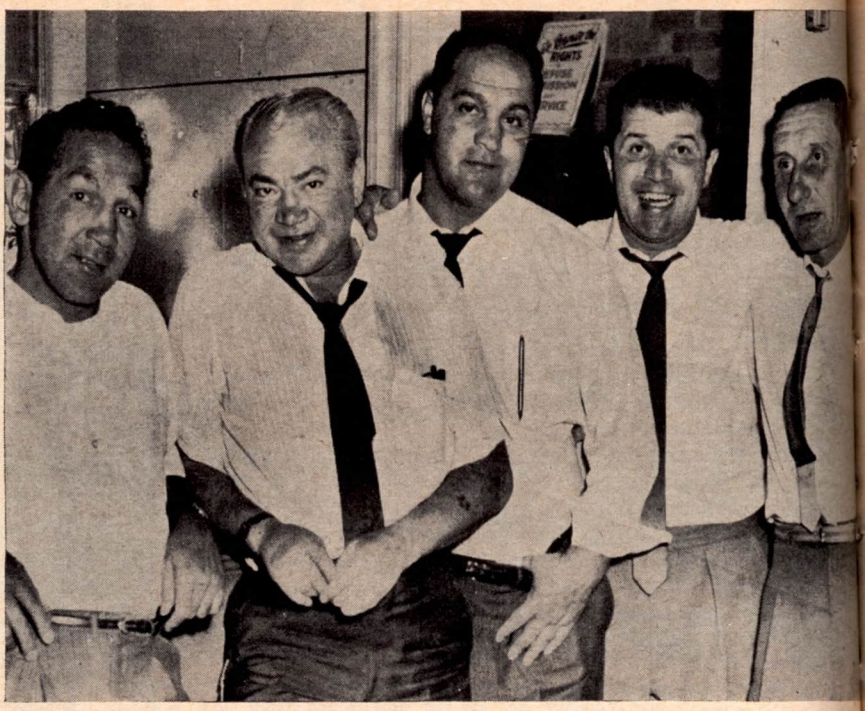
The quiz attempted to dig into every manager's private affairs all the way back to 1957.

Now, I have no objection to digging into a fight manager's private business and life. He is supposed to live in a goldfish bowl and if he becomes embarrassed, *(Continued on page 43)*

"I Would Be Commissioner" Says Rocky

Special To The Ring

By REG NOBLE



Three of the greatest names in the history of boxing were guests at the Moneta Recreation Club's "Night of Champions" in Timmins. In the above photo, left to right, are Willie Pep, former featherweight champion; Barney Ross, ex-lightweight, junior welterweight, and welterweight champ; Rocky Marciano, undefeated former heavyweight champion; Bep Guidolin, former National Hockey League star with the Boston Bruins, Detroit Red Wings, and Chicago Black Hawks; and Rino Marin, president of the Moneta Recreation Club.

TIMMINS—Rocky Marciano, former world heavyweight boxing champion, would be willing to act as a commissioner of boxing if he were named to such a post.

Marciano, who was in Timmins to attend a sports celebrities dinner along with ex-champions Willie Pep and Barney Ross, added that boxing was in need of a commissioner similar to those in baseball and football.

He said, "The National Boxing Association and the New York State Athletic Commission operated under separate rules and apparently oppose each other. They are not willing to work together, but a national commissioner could iron out this situation."

"Home town decisions are the biggest fault in boxing today," Rocky added.

However, Marciano wasn't so definite when it came to picking the winner of the upcoming Floyd Patterson-Sonny Liston world heavyweight title fight.

"There are times when I think the winner will be Liston," he said. "But then I weigh everything and feel that it will be Patterson. He's the champ and you have to go along with the champion any time.

"Patterson has been under-rated and he has to beat Liston to be recognized as a true champion," added Rocky.

When asked what kind of champion Liston would make if he won the title, Marciano replied:

"I know he has had a troubled background. But if he does become champ, he'll take on a new air and probably become a good champion. Remember that he hasn't been in anything real serious—his greatest fault is that he doesn't like policemen."

Although the three ex-champions all agreed that referee Ruby Goldstein wasn't to blame for the fatal beating suffered by Benny "Kid" Paret in his welterweight title bout with Emile Griffith, they weren't in complete accord about who was to blame.

Marciano, who didn't see the tragic title fight, said, "I had Goldstein in three of my fights. I don't like certain things about him, but I think he's a great referee." The former heavyweight champion wouldn't elaborate on what he meant by that statement.

Although he didn't blame Paret's death on Goldstein, Pep, a former featherweight champion, said, "When you are refereeing for heavyweights, you don't have to be in too close to see what's going on, but it's different for smaller men. You have to be moving in there, and as far as I'm concerned Goldtein is too old a man for a welterweight match."

Barney Ross, former lightweight, junior welterweight, and welterweight champion, was the only one of the trio at ringside that night and he said, "I blame Paret's manager that the fight wasn't stopped. Paret was a ring 'cutie,' and remember he was the champion. Many thought that he was only pretending to be hurt as he had done so often in the past, and it was up to Goldstein to give Paret every opportunity to retain his title.

"If Paret's manager was so certain that the fight should have been stopped it was up to him to stop it and all he had to do was climb into the ring. I also blame his manager for keeping Paret too busy during the past year. He fought too many tough rounds and had been hurt previously."

However, the Paret tragedy wasn't the only thing on which the trio of ring greats disagreed. When asked whether or not Senator Estes Kefauver and his committee had cleaned up boxing, Pep almost scoffed at the idea, but both Marciano and Ross agreed that Kefauver and his committee had helped considerably to clean it, although more work remained to be done.

As the oldest of the three former champions, Ross was in the best position to compare the fight game today with that of his heyday. Barney agreed that boxing has gone downhill and it didn't take him long to tell why.

"In the first place, the fighters aren't as hungry as they were in my day. Secondly, TV has killed off the smaller boxing clubs whereas these clubs should have been subsized by TV which was making money on the larger club which staged the top matches. The result has been that young fighters don't get a chance to work out, and the manager *(Continued on page 48)*

FROM RING TO "KING"

By NAT FLEISCHER

"I WOULD appreciate your giving me a line on Sonny Liston. We don't get much news on boxing here, and my only authority is The Ring, which thanks to you, I receive regularly. So I'm as clued upon him as your paper indicates. But I have a feeling, Nat, that Liston is not going to be quite the walkover that lots of pundits here seem to profess.

"My regard for Patterson has grown considerably in the last two years and I think he is a great champion. I wouldn't compare him with Jim Jeffries, Jack Johnson, my idol Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis or Rocky Marciano. But I still have great regard for him and I think he's quite a good type of man. I think he'll defeat Liston."

That's part of a letter delivered to me with "The Roy Welensky Story," his biography by Garry Allighan, (MacDonald, England).

It isn't often that the ruler of a country takes time out to discuss boxing, nor even shows an interest in the sport. But here is a man quite different. Fighting is in his blood. In the field of pugilism, labor and politics, Sir Roy Welensky has been a fighter from the time he reached his seventeenth birthday. To this day he has retained that interest.

The above message from Sir Roy reminds me of the night that the then Vice-President of the United States, Harry Truman, attended a show on March 9, 1945, in Madison Square Garden to see Tony Janiro box Monty Pignatore.

The man who shortly after took the oath of office as chief executive of our country following the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt, enjoyed every minute of the contest. When Janiro's hand was raised in victory, the vice-president requested an usher to bring Janiro to him.

Like former president Theodore Roosevelt, who was an ardent supporter of boxing and lost an eye in a set-to in the White House with a sparring partner, Truman was a keen follower of sports.

WHO IS WELENSKY? BIG NAME IN AFRICA

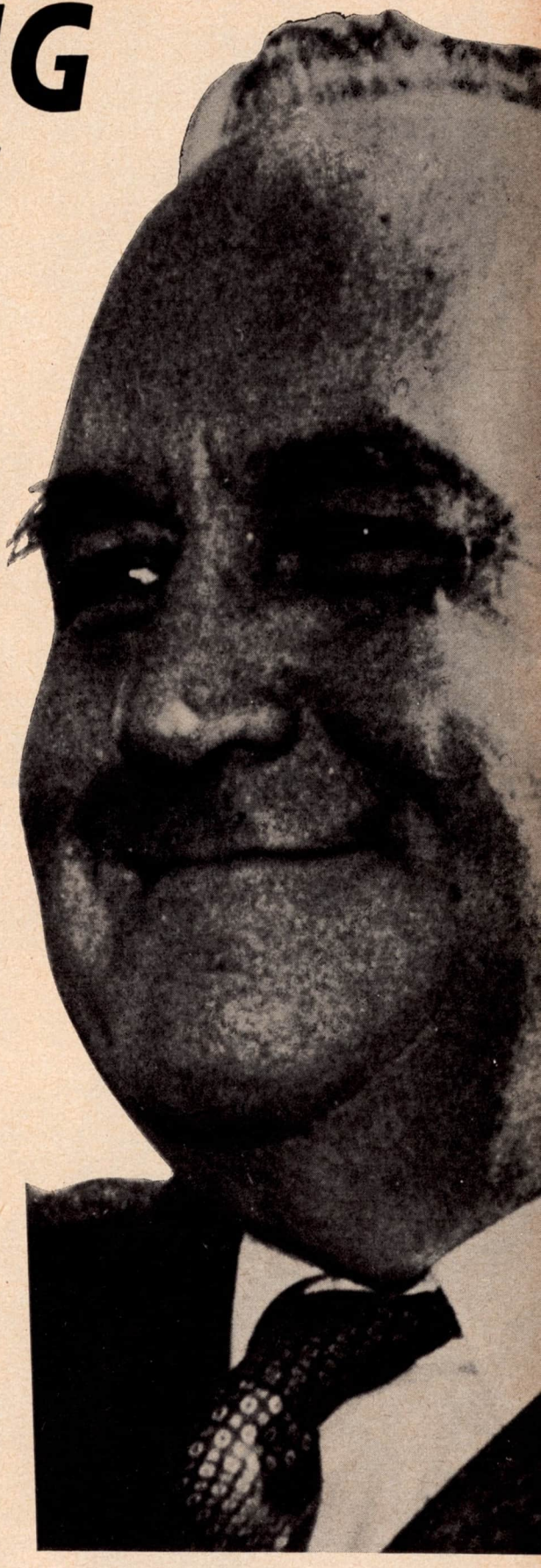
Who is Sir Roy Welensky? Ring readers may not be too familiar with the name, but it is one that in the past seven years has appeared almost daily in the headlines of world's newspapers.

As a sportsman, laborite and politician, he has gained world-wide recognition. From an exceedingly poor family, he has worked his way to the political heights in Central Africa.

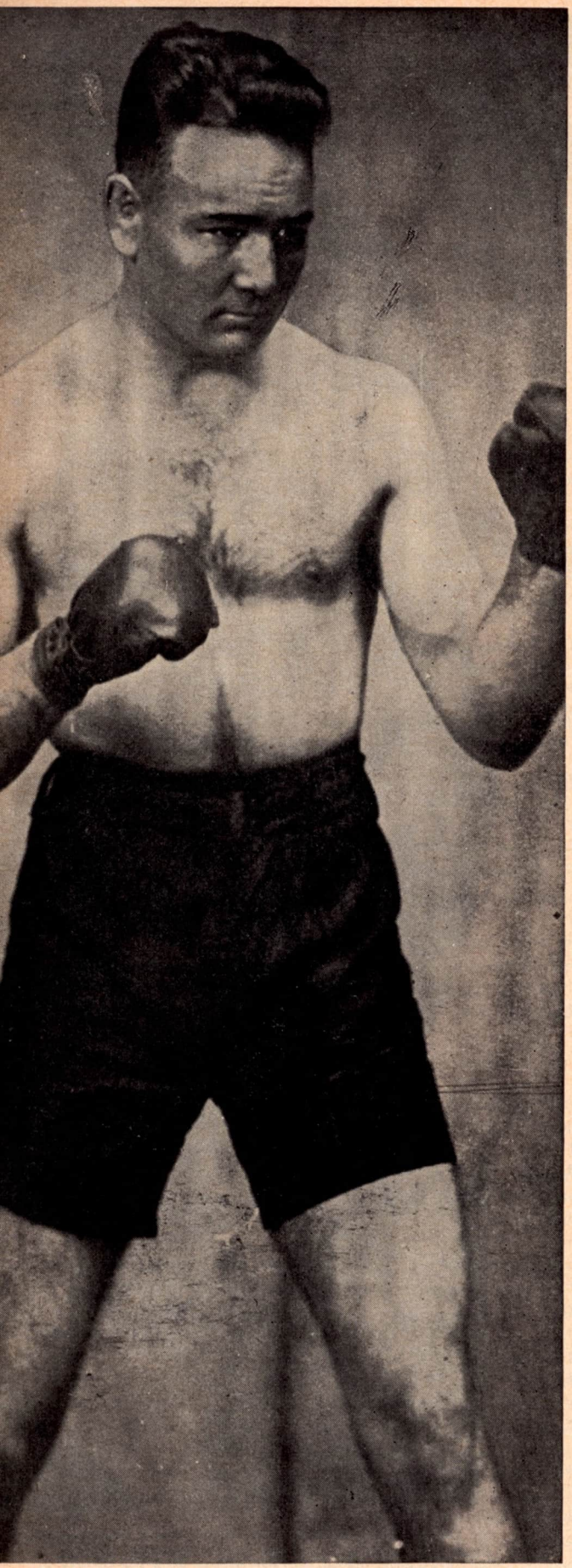
"Rags to Riches" stories are not unusual in boxing. The shoe-shine boy, Beau Jack, who won the lightweight championship of the world; Gene Tunney, the shipping clerk who won the heavyweight crown and retired a millionaire; Jack Dempsey, the Manassa Mauler, one time knight of the road who became heavyweight champion and a wealthy man; Floyd Patterson, who worked his way up from poverty to affluence—these, among many others, are contributors to the Horatio Alger saga along with Sir Roy.

Many former boxers have attained the heights in business and as legislators, but none matched the rise of the subject of this article. He's the only former professional or amateur boxer who became top man in his country—the head of state. His position is Premier of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

A former railroad fireman, engine *(Continued on page 47)*



Sir Roy Welensky, onetime professional boxer, now rules as Premier in Rhodesia-Nyasaland. He is a top political power in Africa and one of the guiding hands in the future of his native land.



Tommy Freeman, who held the welterweight title for the short span of seven months, but defended it six times. This is the record for the most frequent title defenses in so short a period.

FIGHTING CHAMPIONS

Tommy Freeman and Henry Armstrong Lead the Field in Championship Activity

By LEW ESKIN

HAROLD JOHNSON, after a long wait, is now world light heavyweight king. Since winning the title in May by beating Doug Jones, he has made one defense and has plans for a bout against Giulio Rinaldi in Italy before the summer's end. Johnson said he would be a fighting champion and has lost little time in proving it.

He would like to get in two more title bouts before the end of the year. Last year, after winning the N.B.A. crown in January, he defended it twice by August before being sidelined, first with an injury and then managerial trouble.

Johnson will have to pick up his pace quite a bit if he is to climb to the top or even near it in the all-time list of those titleholders who put their crowns on the line most frequently in a short period.

The top spot on the list belongs to the one-time welterweight ruler, Tommy Freeman of Hot Springs, Arkansas. Tommy was a twenty-six-year-old veteran of ten years in the pro ring when he surprised by lifting the crown from Young Jack Thompson in Cleveland on a fifteen round decision, September 5, 1930.

Thompson had won the crown only four months before by beating Jackie Fields and a long reign was predicted for him.

However, Freeman, considered only a journeyman, carried off the honors and the crown. It was quite an upset as Tommy had been stopped by Fields in Jackie's last tune-up for the Thompson match.

Freeman's reign lasted only seven months. He lost the title back to Young Jack when he was knocked out in the twelfth round in Cleveland on April 14, 1931. But it was a busy one as he packed ten fights into that period, placing his title on the line six times.

While none of his opponents could have been classed as top contenders, nevertheless each time his tiara was in jeopardy.

Starting with a January 9 date against Pete August in Hot Springs, he faced Eddie Murdock in Oklahoma City on January 26, Duke Trammel in Memphis in February, and Al (Kid) Kober in New Orleans, only four days later, a record that may never be equalled. He closed out the tour by facing Alfredo Gaona in Mexico City on March 1. This was the first world championship match to be fought in Mexico.

Tommy outpointed August, Murdock and Gaona and kayoed Trammel and Kober, each in five rounds.

He continued to fight for seven more years before hanging

up his gloves, but never got another shot at his old crown, one of the few ex-champs not given a chance to regain the title.

While given little consideration when the lists of all-time greats are compiled, the "Arkansas Traveler" heads the list of "Fighting Champions".

The runner-up to Freeman is another former 147 pound ruler, but one of much more renown. The former triple-champion and member of Boxing's "Hall of Fame", Henry Armstrong.

After he had added Barney Ross's welter crown to his feather-weight laurels, Henry made it a trio by whipping Lou Ambers for the lightweight title. Six months after defeating Ross, Hank got down to the business of piling up his record mark of twenty title defenses in the twenty-nine months he sat on the throne.

Starting in November, 1938, he went through that list in twenty-three months, plus finding time to lose back the light-weight title to Ambers, box a draw with Ceferino Garcia for the latter's part of the middleweight crown and knock out the then lightweight king Lew Jenkins in a non-title bout between champions. All this in less than two years.

The first defense was in Madison Square Garden against Garcia whom he outpointed. Then he traveled to Cleveland on December 5, to flatten Al Manfredo in five. On January 10, he showed up in Los Angeles where he bested Baby Arizmendi in 10.

He did not fight in February but made up for it in March with three bouts against Bobby Pacho in Havana, Lew Feld-man in St. Louis and Davey Day in the Garden. Pacho went out in four, Feldman in one and Day ended in the twelfth. His next contest was in London May 25, where plucky Ernie Rodrick lasted the full fifteen rounds.

After losing the lightweight title back to Ambers in August, he started out again with five bouts in October. It was Manfredo in 4 in Des Moines; Howard Scott in two in Minneapolis; and Ritchie Fontaine in three in Seattle; Jimmy Garrison remained the limit of ten in Los Angeles and Bobby Pacho lasted four in Denver. Garrison got another chance in Cleveland on December 11, and was stopped in seven.

In January, 1940 Armstrong returned to his native St. Louis to dispose of Joe Ghnouly in five. Then he halted Pedro Montanez in nine in the Garden.

After the Garcia draw in March he traveled up to New England where in April he halted Paul Junior in Boston in seven. In May he returned to Beantown to flatten Ralph Zanelli in five, then went up to Portland, Me., the next month to stop Junior again, this time in 3.

July saw him kayo Jenkins. Back on the trail he went in September when he kayoed Phil Furr in four in Washington. He then returned to the Garden to face Fritzie Zivic.

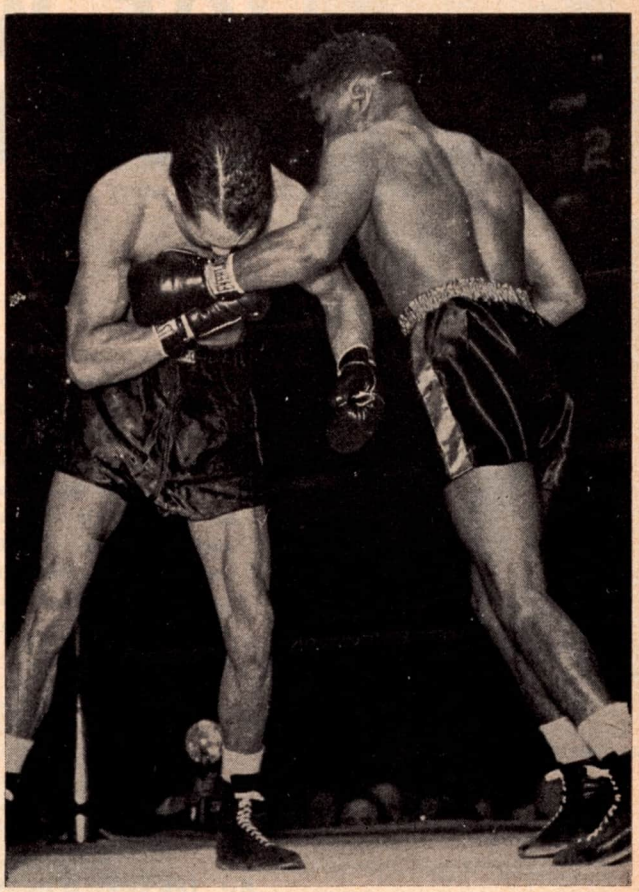
At 27, the baby of the fighting Zivics was a ten year pro veteran who was given little chance against Armstrong. But Fritzie was a real "cutie". He rolled with Hammerin' Hank's early attack and came back in the last half of the bout to cut Armstrong to ribbons and win the title.

Three months later Hank tried to regain the crown but was stopped in twelve rounds, taking a brutal beating. However, he came back like they all do and on October 26, 1942 caught up to Zivic and beat him in ten rounds in San Francisco, after Fritzie had lost the title to Red Cochrane.

Of course, Joe Louis' mark of twenty-five title defenses stands out above them all, but it took the Brown Bomber almost twelve years to compile that mark.

Joe lost four years due to the war when he was at his peak, but as a rule heavyweights don't fight too often. Louis' busiest stretch was in 1940-41 when from December to June he defended seven times.

This was the famous "Bum of the Month" tour that led up to the million dollar fight with Billy Conn. Joe disposed of Al McCoy in Boston, Red Burman in New York, Gus Dorazio



Henry Armstrong (right) carries the attack to Fritzie Zivic during the early rounds of their bout in which Zivic lifted the 147 pound crown from Henry. Armstrong defended his crown twenty times in twenty-nine months.

in Philadelphia, Abe Simon in Detroit, Tony Musto in St. Louis and Buddy Baer in Washington before facing Conn in Yankee Stadium.

Joe's all over average showed a title bout every five months. However, the top mark among the heavyweights belongs to Tommy Burns, who put his crown on the line slightly short of every three months during his reign.

Burns started against Gunner Moir in London in December 1907. Then came Jack Palmer, also in London in February; Jem Roche in March in Dublin, Jewey Smith and Bill Squires in Paris in April and June, Squires again in August in Australia, and Bill Lang the next month, also in Australia. Finally came the fight with Jack Johnson at Rushcutter's Bay in Sydney in which he lost his title in December.

Also with a less than three month average among the heavy-weights is Ezzard Charles while Primo Carnera, during his short reign, defended just above every three months.

Among the light heavyweights, the busiest were Paul Berlen-bach and Tommy Loughran. Each averaged just over once every three months. Paul defended four times in fourteen months and Tommy six times in twenty months.

Stanley Ketchel was tops among the middleweights, placing his crown on the line an average of once every two months during the period he first held the title in 1908. Freddie Steele, with one defense for every four months, was the runner-up to Ketchel, although as N.B.A. champion he was only a share-holder of the 160 pound crown.

Of course, Freeman and Armstrong outdistanced everybody else in the welter division. Emile Griffith, now in his second term as champion, has a mark of one defense for every ten weeks. If he keeps up the pace and holds onto the title, Griffith could develop into one of the busiest. *(Continued on page 46)*

JOE WOODMAN, 90, IS STILL HOPING

(Left)—Sam Langford, one of ring's all-time greats, and (right) Joe Woodman, who gave up pharmacist's trade to manage the Boston Tar Baby through 17 eventful years. Woodman, now 90, and just recovered from serious operation, is hopeful he may yet come up with another Langford.

By JERSEY JONES

SOME of the fight crowd had been discussing Joe Woodman and his remarkable recovery from a serious operation. Not that recovering from a serious operation is precisely an unusual development in these days of advanced medical science—but it *is* something to talk about when the patient happens to be a 90-year-old veteran of this rugged fight business named Joe Woodman.

When you think it over, this hard-bitten trade must enjoy a high rating with the life insurance companies. By and large, boxers, managers, promoters, trainers and others associated with the ring seem to stretch their average spans in this restless world somewhat longer than those identified with other and less exciting professions. You wouldn't think they would, when you consider the emotional stress, irregular hours, hop-scotching around the landscape with its sudden changes in climate and diet, and the aggravations, disappointments and general wear and tear on the nervous system.

Yet it is amazing how many of those prominent in various capacities in the leather-tossing industry have reached the biblical allotment of three-score-years-and-ten—and how many of them have gone well beyond this mark.

Occasionally, of course, you hear of a Terry McGovern passing at 38, a Joe Jacobs at 43 and a Max Baer at 50, but for every one of these you can list a score or more who stretch their mortal spans well into the 70s and 80s—and, like Woodman, up to 90 and over.

To cite only some of the many, Pete Prunty was 96 when he died, Billy Roche was 88, Sam Austin 87, Jim Buckley and Tom O'Rourke 85, Bill Muldoon and Jack Skelly 84, Jim Dougherty and Pop Foster 83, Dan Morgan 82, Tony Kelly 80, Jem Mace, Charley Harvey and Frank Erne 79, Jake Kilrain, Tommy Ryan, Jim (Rube) Ferns, Kid McPartland and Jim Jeffries 78; Billy McCarney and Jack Britton 76; Matty Matthews, Joe Choynski and Tom McArcle 75; Jimmy Dime, Tommy Burns, Patsy Haley and Leon Rains 74; Jimmy Barry and Sam Langford 73; Pedlar Palmer, Jess McMahon and Nate Lewis, 72; Jack McAuliffe, Mike Donovan, Peter Maher, Jimmy Johnston, Billy Gibson and Frankie Burns 71; Larry Foley, Jim Coffroth, Jimmy DeForest, Mike Jacobs, Lew Raymond and Jeff Smith 70, and John L. Sullivan, Bill Brown, Paddy Mullins and Tom Sharkey only a few months short of qualifying.

And quite a few of the old boys are still circulating. A survivor of the bare-knuckle days, Billy Ray, now 97, recently attended a get-together of old-time fighters in Brooklyn.

Of the promoters, managers and trainers, Woodman is the elder statesman at 90, but Jack Kearns, at 80, can still outhustle and outmaneuver any of the younger generation's representatives. Well along toward the 80s. George Barton and Dinny McMahon are chairmen of their respective state boxing commissions. Jack Connor, Jimmy Bronson and Ike Bernstein, in their 80s, are still scouting for possible future champions. Jack (Doc) Moore, at 77, is a handy guy to have around for matchmaking, managing, instructing and training. Lew Meyers, 77, is still hustling work for fighters. Herman (Muggsy) Taylor, 75, is one of the nation's leading promoters; Charley Goldman, 74, is a popular trainer, and Johnny Buckley, 73, a top manager. Promoter-manager Jack (Deacon) Allen and manager Frank Bachman are two others who, at or about 70, are still prominent in the trade.

Although officially retired, the three oldest surviving ex-world champions, Jack Root 86, Jess Willard 80, and Abe Attell 78, retain active interest in ring doings.

And let's not forget the editor of The Ring, Nat Fleischer, who, at 75, continues to bounce all over the world in behalf of boxing, and Sam Taub, also 75, newspaperman and radio-television commentator, always ready, willing and able to lend his services to any event connected with the industry.

Yes, indeed, the odds in this rugged trade would seem to favor a long life and an eventful one.

Woodman, a licensed pharmacist, was operating a drug store

near North Station in Boston when he began dabbling in boxing as a sideline. This was back around the turn of the century, and Joe and a couple of other chaps were promoting at a small local club.

It was out of these shows that Woodman became interested in a 16-year-old Negro who had drifted down from Weymouth, Nova Scotia. He was working in a brickyard at the time, but wanted to become a boxer. He'd fared well in a couple of amateur bouts and decided he'd like to fight professionally. Hard cash was more appealing to him than watches and medals.

It was Sam Langford, destined to become one of the ring's all-time greats.

The youngster advanced so rapidly that it wasn't long before Woodman decided to dispose of his drug store and make a career of managing him.

The partnership lasted for seventeen years, and carried Joe and Sam over a large part of the world—throughout the United States to Canada, England, France, Australia, Panama and the Argentine.

"I don't know how many miles of land and water we covered," says Joe, "but I can tell you one thing: it was long, often tedious traveling. There were no airplanes, you know, and we had to go by train and ship. We were constantly moving. We didn't stay too long in any one place; just kept going to wherever we could get fights."

When did the partnership dissolve?

"After the Fred Fulton bout in Boston in 1917," Woodman explains. "Sam got badly busted up around the eyes in that bout, and I was afraid he'd go blind if he kept fighting. I told Sam he'd better quit, but he was stubborn. He insisted he'd keep going. I said it was dangerous for him; he'd probably lose his eyesight and I didn't want to be held responsible. I argued and pleaded, but it did no good. So we parted. I was right. Sam did keep fighting and eventually became blind. It was too bad. He was a great fighter and one of the finest chaps, personally, I've ever had anything to do with."

It was on a jaunt to Australia that Woodman became acquainted with George Lawrence, then promoting in Brisbane. Later, when Lawrence came to the United States, he and Woodman formed a managerial combine with headquarters in New York. They functioned for twenty years, until Lawrence's death.

"Business was really booming in those days," says Woodman. "I don't know how many fighters we handled, coming and going, but we had one of the busiest stables in the business, particularly with the heavyweights we managed. We specialized in foreign importations, and the international angle always appealed to the promoters."

When he isn't out of town with a fighter, you can find Woodman almost any afternoon lolling around the headquarters of the New York Boxing Managers in the Hotel Woodstock. With him usually is another old-timer, Jimmy (Bow-Tie) Bronson.

"Jimmy and I have much in common," says Joe. "We've known each other for more than a half-century, since 1910, when Langford met Jeff Clark the first time. It was in Joplin, Mo., a lively fight town in those days. Bronson was promoting fights there and managing Clark. Jeff was originally out of Morrisville, in South Jersey, but had drifted westward, landed in Joplin, and became a big favorite there. Bronson had dubbed him the 'Joplin Ghost.' He was a real good fighter.

"That first Langford-Clark bout was the beginning of a busy series, which lasted seven or eight years. Sam knocked him out a couple of times, but most of the fights were fairly close. In fact, Clark got one decision in the series. Without looking up the record books, I can't say just how many times the pair fought, but I remember a second bout in Joplin and other meetings in St. Louis, Lowell, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Milwaukee and Nashville.

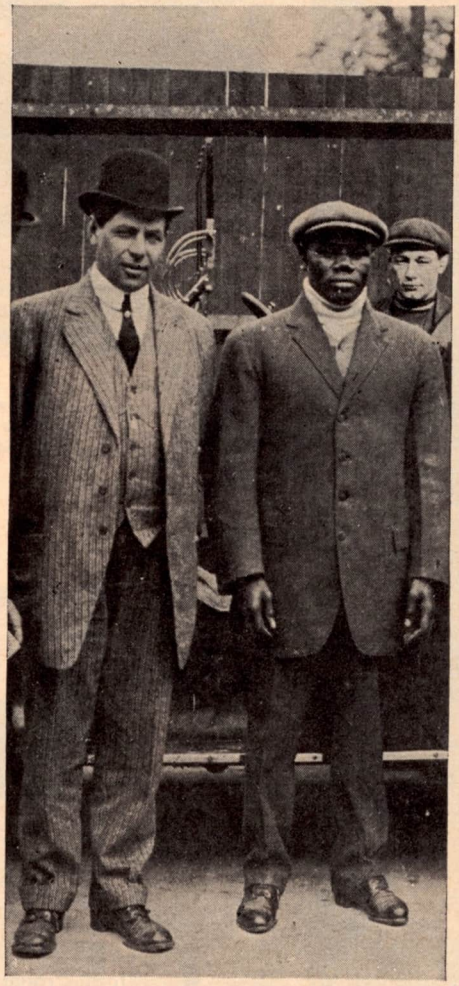
"Naturally, Bronson and I got to know each other real well, and that friendship has grown stronger with the years."

Has Woodman been suffering any after-effects from his recent operation?

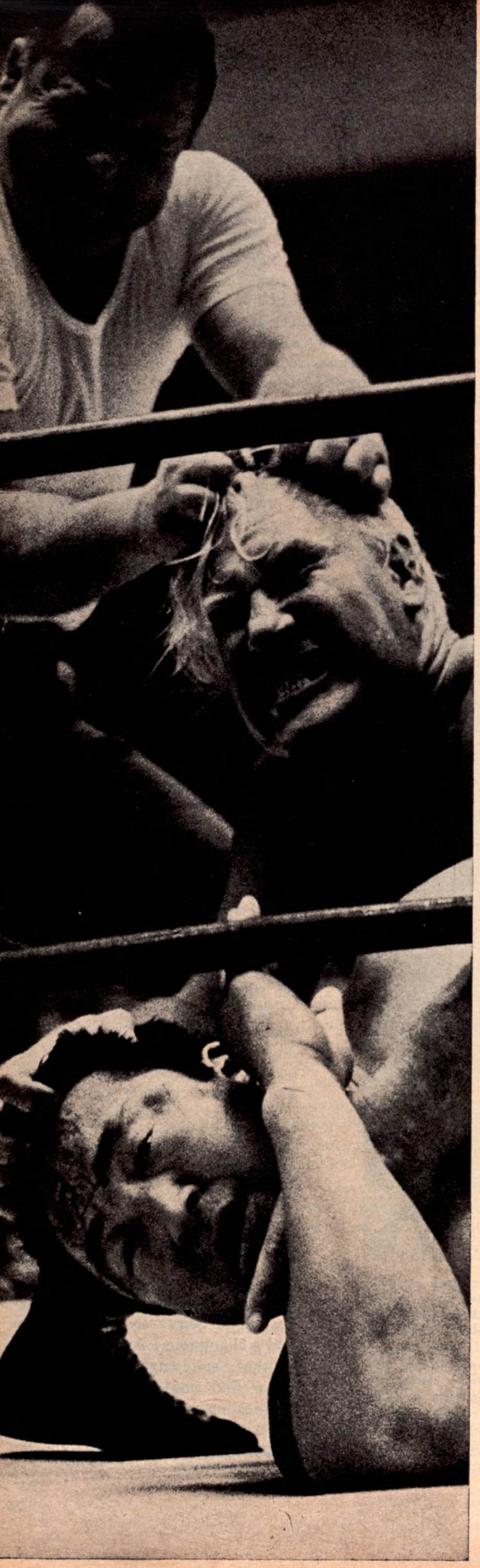
"Nothing serious," he assures you. "Naturally, I have to take it easy for a while, but my wife, Alice, makes sure that I do. She's an experienced nurse, and has been a wonderful help to me these forty years we've been married."

What of Woodman's current hopes?

"Well, boxing isn't what it used to be," he says, "and it's rough going now, with so few clubs and fighters around. Not so long ago you could drop into any city or town and find at least one fight club and a gang of fighters. Boxing was a booming profession then. But times and conditions have changed. There are too many distractions now, and boxing is getting tough competion from other sports and entertainment. Why, if you added up all the fight cards staged in the entire United States in one week now, I doubt if the total would match what New York City alone used to offer. Nowadays, when a kid does show an interest in a boxing career, he doesn't fight often enough to retain that interest very long. He becomes discouraged, quits the ring and turns his attention elsewhere. But there's one thing about this business. A manager is like an old 'sourdough' who, after years of futile prospecting, refuses to get discouraged, and is always sure that this time he'll find the gold mine. In boxing, a manager never loses his optimism, no matter how tough the going may be. He is constantly expecting to find a champion. I keep looking for another Sam Langford. I know I'll never find one—fighters like Sam come along only once in a lifetime—but I can dream, can't I? I guess that's what keeps me young."



Woodman and Langford at the peak of their success. As manager and fighter, their travels carried them throughout the United States to Canada, England, France, Australia, Panama and the Argentine. Although Langford fought in every division from lightweight up to heavyweight, and met all the top performers in those classes, he was never given a chance to fight for a world championship.



Fred Blassie working over Rikidozan in Tokyo, Japan, bout, won by the Japanese. Fred won a rubber match later in a California ring. Above: The sophisticated Ann Casey, a tall willowy black-haired, dark-eyed beauty currently making ring history among the women grapplers.

THE MAT WORLD

GLENN M. DAVIS, president of the Edouard Carpentier fc has room for about 30 additional members. . . . If you want to be one of those "30" write to Glenn at 6143 Rockwell, Chicago 45, Illinois.

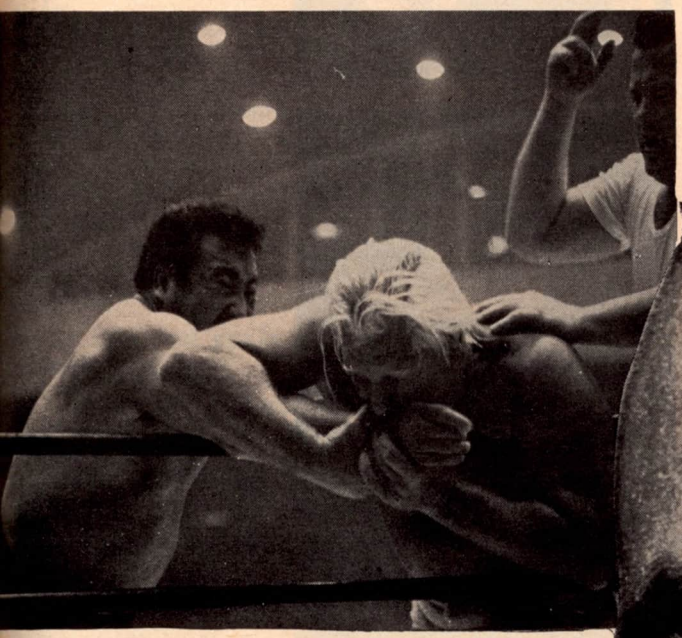
A National Louie Tillet fc is being organized by Archie Bradshaw of 408 South First Street, Monroe, Louisiana. . . . Thanks to Barbara Prentice, Universal Carpentier fc for the honorary membership. . . . Madeline Busch and Phil Wenz have come up with a novel idea in an "All wrestlers fc". . . interested parties contact Madeline at 5419 32nd Ave., Woodside 77, N.Y.

Judy von Hagel writes that she has an fc for Guy Mitchell and will sign up those who write to her at 3746 S. New Jersey, Indianapolis, Indiana. . . . Jonell Muckelberg of 2812 W. 71½

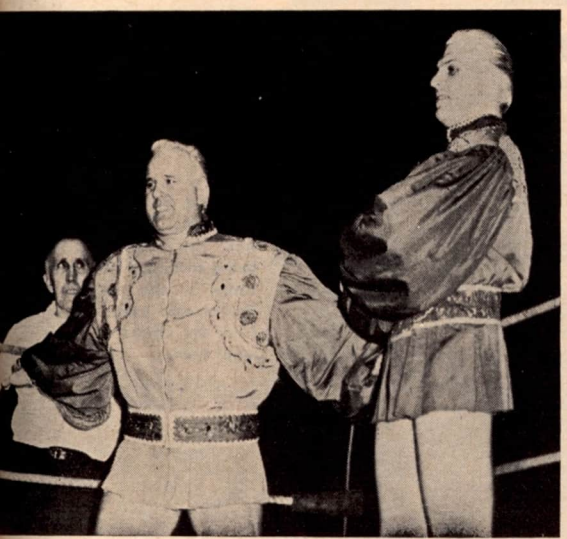
St., Richfield, Minn., informs us that she has taken over the Verne Gagne fc from Pat Hawkins.

Karen Henderson's All Stars Wrestling fc has room for a few more fans . . . send along your application to Karen at 3555 Washington St., Jamaica Plain 30, Mass. . . . Donna Henderson, president of the Fabulous Kangaroos International, will receive 10 more members on a first come first taken basis . . . write Donna at 654 East 224th Street, Bronx 66, N.Y. . . . Donna also wishes to have it known that she has given up her Billy Darnell fc. . . . Incidentally, thank to Donna for making me an honorary member of her Kangaroo fc . . . proud to be a part.

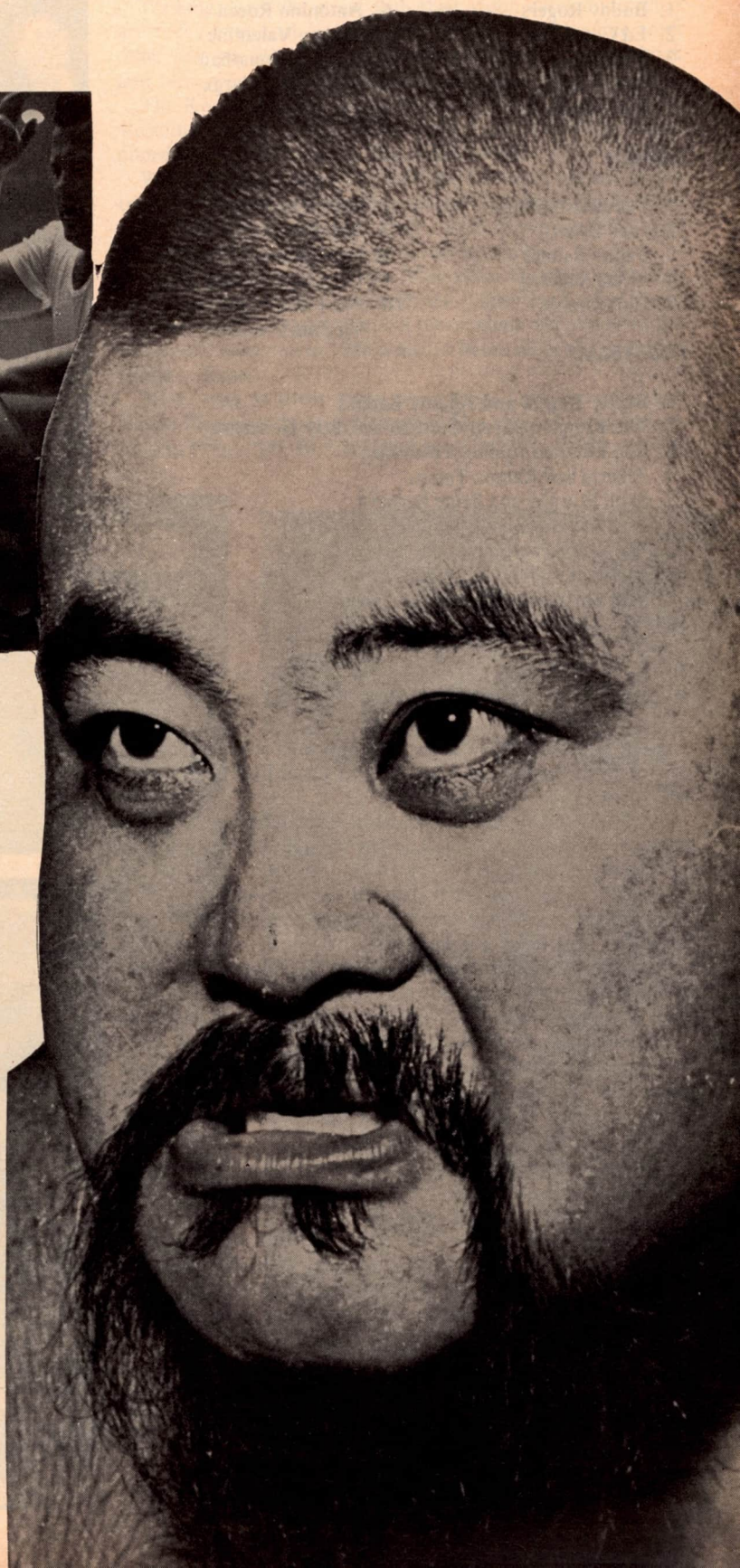
Jane Rhodes of 2733 Church Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y., states that her fc for Eddie Graham is not the International but the Universal fc. . . . Doris Epperson is the head of the International.



Another shot of the second meeting in Japan between Fred Blassie and Rikidozan which shows Fred savoring a delicacy, Riki's thumb . . . report of this match elsewhere in this issue.



Steve and Bob Stanlee, a brother tag team that is gaining strength in Eastern rings by their superb showmanship and wrestling ability. Right: P. Y. Chung a villain weighing in at 230 pounds of destruction. He has nothing but contempt for his rivals from the curl of his lip to the bottom of his talon-like hands with which he hammers opponents to defeat throughout the Southern territory. (Photo by Gene Gordon).



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FAN CLUB CORNER
WORLD WRESTLING RATINGS

MEN

1. Buddy Rogers
2. Ed Carpentier
3. Fred Blassie
4. Bob "Cowboy" Ellis
5. Pat O'Connor
6. Antonino Rocca
7. Johnny Valentine
8. Don Leo Jonathan
9. Count Billy Varga
10. Tony Manoussis

WOMEN

1. Fabulous Moolah
2. June Byers
3. Penny Banner
4. Millie Stafford
5. Judy Grable
6. Evelyn Stevens
7. Ann Casey
8. Fran Gravette
9. Lorraine Johnson
10. Pearl Bates and Virginia Franklin

TAG TEAMS

1. Buddy Rogers and Johnny Barend
2. The Kangaroos (Al Costello and Roy Heffernan)
3. Bob Ellis and Johnny Valentine
4. Alberto and Ramon Torres
5. Skull Murphy and Brute Bernard
6. Kurt and Karl von Brauner
7. Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff
8. Haystack Calhoun and Abe Jacobs
9. Stan Kowalski and Texas Bob Geigel
10. Nick and Jerry Kozak

SHAG THOMAS STORY
By DEAN A. SILVERSTONE

Back in 1952, when Shag Thomas was teaching a high school course in Dayton, Ohio, he met Chief Don Eagle (now retired.)

Eagle saw possibilities in Thomas, in making him a future champion wrestler, as Shag had the strength of ten men and personality plus.

From late 1952 to 1953, Thomas worked out in the gym after school hours. Then in the summer of 1953, Eagle thought that Shag was ready for his mat debut.

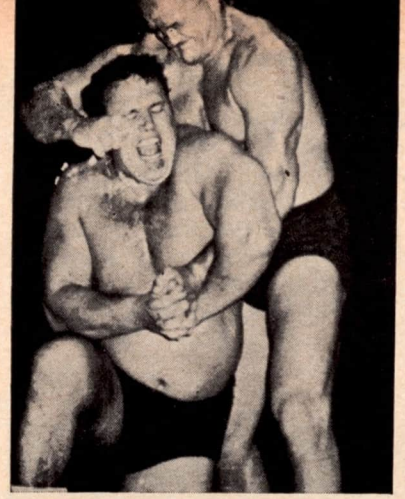
Very few wrestlers win their very first match, especially if their first match is against a veteran of the mat like Tiger Jack Vansky. Vansky didn't care whether it was his first bout or hundred and first bout, Jack just wanted to win.

After the bout was over, Eagle knew that the time he had spent with Thomas, in teaching him the fundamentals of the sport, was very well spent, for Shag held Vansky to a thirty minute no fall draw.

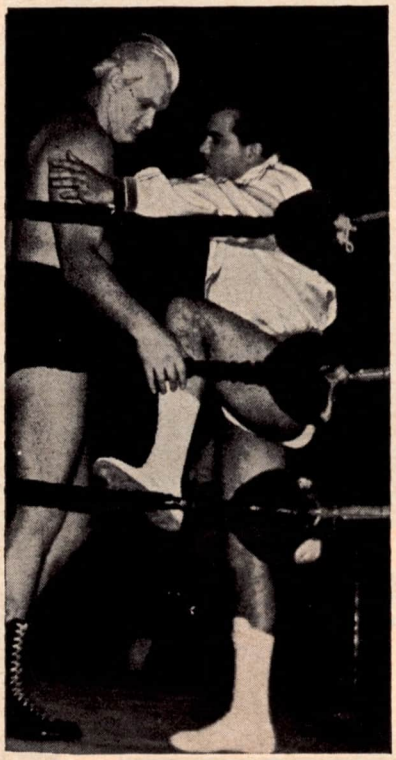
Today, Shag, who's real name is James Thomas, has been a professional wrestler, nine big years. Wrestling scientifically, he is a big hit wherever he wrestles.

In 1961 he toured California, undefeated in solo matches. Early 1962 saw him in Texas, undefeated in solo matches. Thomas' home is in Portland, Oregon, where he lives with his wife and several children.

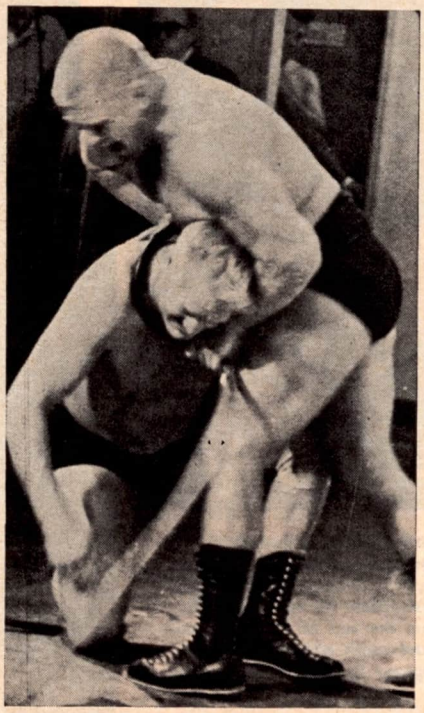
Wrestling for three years in the Pacific Northwest, he lost less than a dozen or so times, defeating such men as Ramon Torres, Nick Kozak, Duke Keomuka, Mike DiBiase, Ed Francis, Soldat Gorky, Gorgeous George, Tony Borne, Maurice Vashon, The Executioner, Harou Sasaki and over 150 more wrestlers.



Dick the Bruiser jabs his thumb in Raoul Romero's eye, a measure guaranteed not to improve anyone's eyesight. Dick went on to win this Madison Square Garden, New York match, in a bout full of mayhem on both sides. Photo by Harris Rosenfeld.



Johnny Valentine talks things over with his tag team partner, Miguel Perez between falls at a Sunnyside Gardens match in New York. Their match with Shohei Baba and Yukio Zusuki ended with J and P the victors in two out of three falls.



Dick the Bruiser wins bout at Windsor, Ontario, TV Station. His hapless opponent being strangled by a camera cable is the unlucky Ike Eakins, who never recovered from the effects of Dick's illegal tactics.

How does Shag do it? How does he constantly win? WHY IS HE THE NORTHWEST'S ANTONINO ROCCA? Because Shag uses his head in two ways.

1) He thinks. He is one of the most intelligent wrestlers ever. Graduating from Ohio State in 1951, Thomas had wonderful grades. He played in the 1950 Rose Bowl and was an All American lineman. He also has used his brains to become a top Real Estate Salesman in the Pacific Northwest.

2) His most dangerous and effective hold, is the Head Butt.

This Head Butt of his, is far superior to that of the many hard-headed wrestlers using this tactic. Shag just needs to use ONE Head Butt to finish an opponent.

Thomas had displayed the power of his head, by knocking down a horse in Texas with one blow, by splitting a five-inch piece of wood in two, in Seattle, and by cracking the skull of Tony Borne in two shots and by knocking out such top notch wrestlers as Pat O'Connor, Luther Lindsey, Leo Garibaldi, Dick Garza, Rocky Colombo, Luigi Macera, Fritz von Goering, Ivan Kameroff, Nick Kolonis, Tito Kopa, Prince Kuhio, Don Manoukian, Mr. Moto, Nelson Royal, Johnny Walker among others.

His future plans may involve a tour of England and Japan, maybe Texas and then back to the Pacific Northwest, where he is best loved.

SHORT STORY ON KOZAK BROTHERS
By BOB UTTER

Possessing the physiques of a Mr. America, the Kozak brothers are as handsome as any star on Broadway or Hollywood. . . . Individually each is great. . . . As a tag team they rate with the best in the wrestling profession! ! !

The story of Nick and Jerry Kozak began years ago when Momma and Poppa Kozak, Austrian immigrants to Vancouver, B.C., spent years and many dollars on violin lessons for their two sons. The father learned the art of violin making in Vienna and made one of these delicate instruments for Jascha Heifitz.

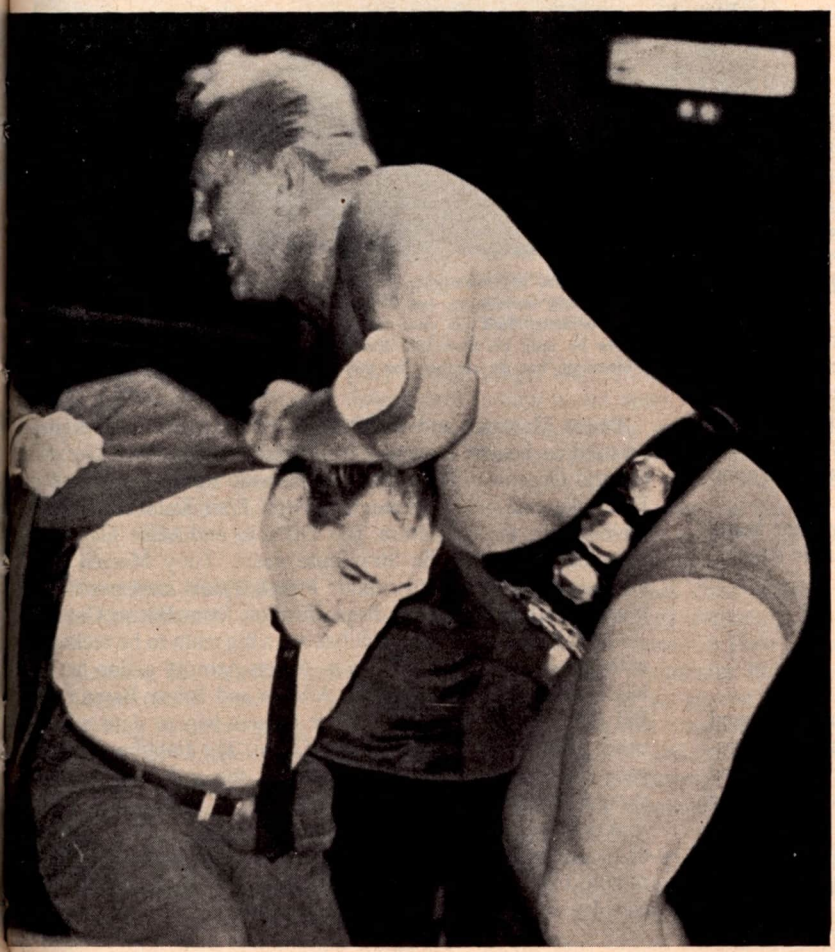
Walking down the street with their violin cases under their arms, the boys took considerable teasing and ridiculing from other kids on the block. Taking this, but not for long, Nick and Jerry teamed and before long had things going their way.

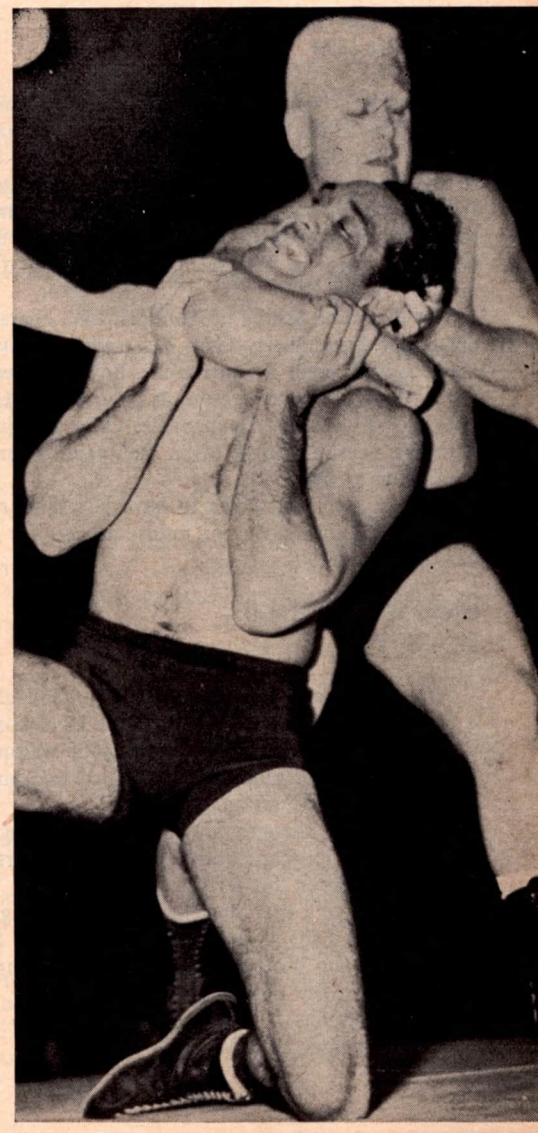
The Kozaks learned that it works the same in professional wrestling. Together they captured the Texas Tag Team championship and the Southern Tag Team crown.

Working single, Nick has perhaps the better record of the two. He won the Pacific Northwest Championship in 1954 and 1958; the Hollywood, Calif., City crown in 1958, and the Texas Senior Heavyweight crown in 1959.

As an amateur he won the Vancouver City championship in the 150-pound class and both the junior and senior championship in the British Columbia tournament. He moved to the 175-pound class and in 1956 wrestled in the finals of the British Empire Games.

Nick, who is three years older than Jerry, is an ardent weight-lifting and body-building fan. He captured two physique titles in 1954: "Mr. British Columbia YMCA" and "Mr. British





Buddy Rogers goes "mean" before his bout with Antonino Rocca in Detroit and attacks "Leaping" Larry Chene, in street clothes. This impromptu attack went to a draw as it was quickly broken up by the local gendarmes. Buddy then proceeded to win his match over Rocca via a disqualification. (Photo by Daniel Graschuck). Right: Rip Hawk, blond hair, defeats the very capable Abe Jacobs in Hickory, North Carolina, bout. Rip tired out Abe and then won match with a body press.

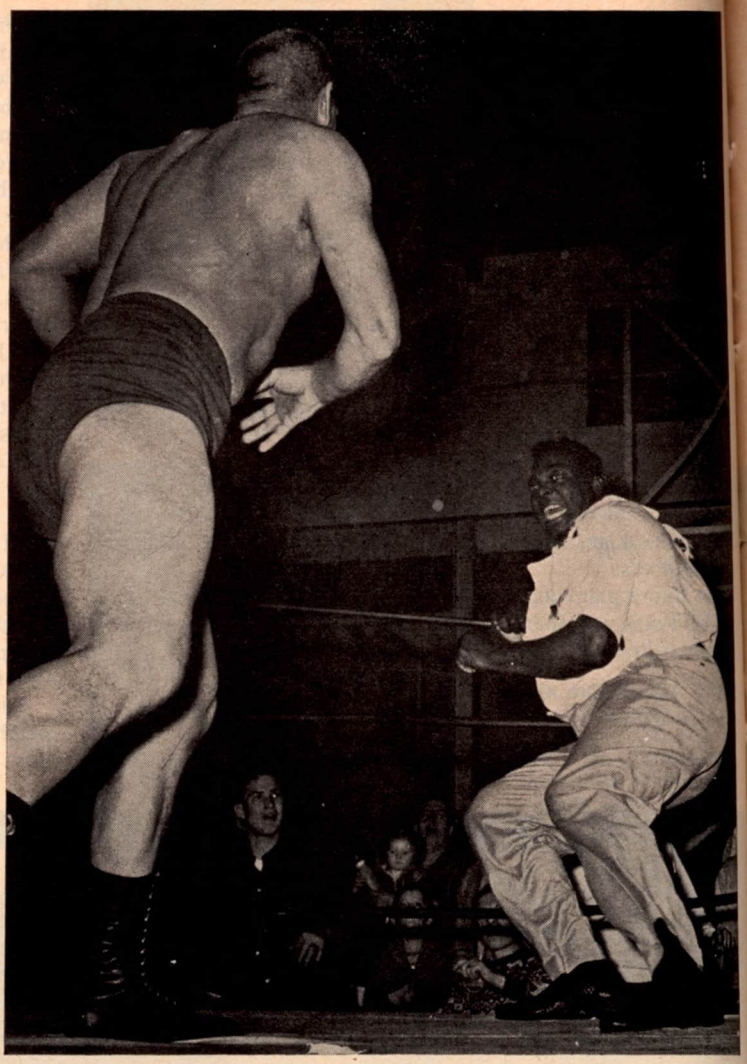
Columbia." At one time he posed for statutes in a Canadian Art Academy and later modeled clothing and bathing suits.

Jerry, at 218 pounds, six pounds lighter than his brother, won the Northwest junior heavyweight belt in 1959 and the same year notched the Texas junior heavyweight championship. A year later he added the Southwest junior heavyweight crown to his trophy room.

Considered to be one of the finest aerial men in wrestling, Jerry is an accomplished gymnast. While in high school he worked on the high bar and the flying rings. He entered the British Columbia nation wide amateur games and won a medal, a plaque and a certificate.

Jerry's top fan is his beautiful wife, Edie, a honey-blonde former professional dancer from San Antonio. They met in 1959 and were married the same year in the ring at the City Auditorium in Houston before 6,000 fans. Brother Nick was the best man. (This writer did the story and art on the wedding for THE RING MAGAZINE).

Both Nick and Jerry are expert horsemen. They can break and ride with the best. According to Jerry he hasn't straddled a horse that's as rough or as hard to handle as trying to corral a certain wrestler by the name of Don Leo Jonathan. Both say that the big 6-foot 8-inch, 300-pound Mormon is wilder than any Texas mustang.



Above action took place at Noblesville, Indiana, when, as Bobo Brazil was being interviewed by the ring announcer, Joe Blanchard, Fritz von Erich entered the ring and attacked Bobo. Brazil had his coat torn off of his back and his shirt ripped into pieces before he took his own toll. Von Erich was lead to the dressing room battered and bleeding, hor de combat for the evening.

MATLINE — PITTSBURGH
By EVELYN LESH

Pittsburgh's own Bruno Sammartino has brought new honors to his town by beating Killer Kowalski for the Canadian heavyweight championship belt. It happened in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, late in June. Kowalski took the first fall and then Bruno took over and crushed Kowalski in his powerful bear hugs twice to win the next two falls and the match.

The Wrestling School of America, Inc., operating out of the East Liberty Gym has graduated several men ready to enter the pro ranks. Be on the watch for a young tyro who wrestles as "Hurricane" Hunt.

WSTV-TV out of Steubenville, Ohio, has just launched a new live wrestling show to be seen each Saturday afternoon from four to five P.M.

Crusher Lisowski seems to have left this area after being deprived of another decision in his latest try for Buddy Rogers' heavyweight crown.

RINGSIDE — CLEVELAND
By BOB VOLEK

After a long and bitter struggle, Mike Gallagher was denied a promoter's license in Akron, by the local boxing and wrestling commission. Mike, after weeks of waiting, was denied the permit on the grounds that he had two lawsuits to clear up prior to consideration.

Promotional changes are going under way in Cleveland with the situation competitive with Pedro Martinez and Fred Kohler both after this territory.

Reports have it that Steve Stanlee is wrestling with a slipped disc. It takes a lot of courage to do that, and Steve seems to have it. He and brother Bob, are getting along quite well as a tag team in the East and Canada.

Congratulations to Ilio and Ethel DiPaolo on the arrival of their daughter Lisa Marie, a fourth child.

Pedro Martinez and the Buffalo Wrestling Club presented an outdoor benefit show at Parma, Ohio, for the local German Central Organization. A fine, enthusiastic turnout saw Yukon Eric take two out of three falls from Ivan Kalmikoff in the main go. In the co-feature, Ilio DiPaolo and Mike Gallagher wrestled to a scientific 30-minute draw. Tony Marino used an abdominal stretch to subdue Frank Valois, and newcomer Norm Bartkowski won a disqualfication from Baron Gattoni.

Carlo Milano and Pete Sanchez are a tag team to be reckoned with. The Latins are unbeaten in Akron Armory action having beaten such opponents as Lou Albano and Johny Barend and Bill Gallion and Bill Sholl. Their biggest win to date was an upset of the Great Scott and Bob Orton. The Fabulous Kangaroos are now challenging this exciting duo and such a match should prove to be filled with fireworks.

AWA world champion Don Leo Jonathan has sent out a challenge to NWA world king Buddy Rogers for a showdown match, but Rogers has nothing to say. This bout would seem to solve a lot of the title muddle problems.

CHICAGO ACTION
By TOM LAUTERBACK

Promoter Fred Kohler presented a Comiskey Park wrestling extravaganza that proved to be the highlight of the 1962

Chicago wrestling season. The highlight of the card came as world heavyweight titleholder Buddy Rogers successfully defended his title against highly rated contender Edouard Carpentier.

On the lighter side, both midgets and ladies were featured in tag matches. Midgets Tiny Tim and Sonny Boy Cassidy won over Fuzzy Cupid and Pee Wee James and the team of Pearl Bates and Virginia Franklin defeated Babs Wingo and Fuzzy Robinson in a girls match. Both verdicts came in straight falls.

Getting back to heavyweight action, the preliminaries went as follows: The Mongol, 235, trounced Miguel Perez, 215, finishing off the Puerto Rican champion in 7:40 with his powerful bearhug; Tony Manoussis upset Moose Cholak, recently known as The Golden Terror, as the Terror mistakenly turned his back on his foe and found himself the victim of a beautiful drop-kick and body press, 12:40. Manoussis weighed in at 220 to Cholak's ponderous 350; Tim Hampton was forced to submit to Shohei Baba's sleeper after 6:25; Hans Schmidt, 250, was disqualified against Tony Rocca, 229, for refusing to break his hold while standing on the apron, 7:45; and Johnny Barend, 235, pinned Billy Darnell, 210, after a vicious knee drop from the top rope, 13:05.

In spectacular tag action, The Kangaroos beat the team of Bobo Brazil, 265, and Art Thomas, 250. Al Costello pinned Thomas for the 1st fall; Brazil took the 2nd with a cobra twist; and Thomas was DQ'd in the deciding fall for applying a bearhug to Roy Heffernan while standing outside the ring. Finally, Johnny Valentine pinned Karl Von Hess.

In the title match, Rogers took the 1st fall with a piledriver and press; Carpentier took the 2nd with a series of drop kicks and a crocodile clutch; and Rogers won the 3rd as he kicked the Frenchman out of the ring for the disqualification count. 18,010 fans paid 55,719 dollars to witness the action.

NORTH IOWA WRESTLING
By **LARRY HUEGLI**

Wrestling in Waterloo hasn't been in the Hippodrome recently because of a remodeling program going on. However, promoter Art Mitchell solved the problem by taking wrestling matches to the municipal ball park. In the latest matches there, (and the last bouts there, as the matches are moving back to the Hippodrome), there were four big matches on the card.

The fans received the bad news that Happy Humphrey, 764 pounds, would not be able to wrestle Lee Henning. Humphrey suffered a stroke two days previous and was recuperating in a hospital in St. Louis. (He has since been dismissed). Doctors have told the "Happy" man that he no longer will be able to wrestle for a living, which is sad news for all wrestling fans. Bill McDonald took Humphrey's place and was pinned in 9 minutes by the Iowan.

Helen Schaffer, a gal from Hamburg, Germany, with know how. Rough as they come, Helen meets all comers on any terms they choose from the scientific to rough and tumble approach. A top attraction in rings and night clubs in Europe, Helen would like to invade U.S. rings.

In the second match the female tag-team of Ann Reagan and Barbara Baker defeated Dot Dotson and Kathy Starr in a total time of 28 minutes.

In the semi-final event of the evening excitement reigned supreme. "The Volture," who is known in these parts as always having something hidden on his person, was to go against the new, and very popular Bill Dromo. To insure that "The Volture" did not have anything hidden, three policemen checked him over in their own inimitable way, to find that he was "clean."

Even though "The Volture" was clean he still proved to be a tough one for Dromo. Everything appeared to be going as the fans wished when Dromo won the 1st fall in five minutes. The second fall proved, however, to be "The Volture's" story, as he defeated Dromo in 14 minutes with the dreaded "Claw" hold. In the third and final fall things really started poppin'. As the bell rang Dromo promptly jumped out of the ring and began exercising his arm to recuperate from the previous pin hold. After Dromo had removed himself from the ring five times he finally got to the business at hand.

Things were going great for Dromo until "The Volture" used the piledriver three times straight on Dromo. With that punishment Dromo went "literally" out-of-his-mind with rage. Dromo was defeating "The Volture" with some shady moves when referee Jack Crawford tried to break it up. Dromo then threw Crawford across the ring 3 times. He was finally disqualified.

In the main event of the evening the popular Sonny Myers was given the opportunity to wrestle for the United States heavyweight championship against the current champ Pat O'Connor.

Everyone was pulling for the former Central States Champion to dethrone the champ from New Zealand. In the "cleanest" match ever staged in Waterloo the fans saw O'Connor take the 1st fall in 24 minutes with his "Back-Cradle." It took Myers a total time of 46 minutes to take the 2nd fall with his "Sleeper" hold. So with one fall apiece the challenger had exactly 10 minutes during the last fall to gain the crown.

In the last five minutes Myers had the belt three times within grasping distance. He had his famed "Sleeper" hold on the champion only to have O'Connor somehow elude "Dreamland" everytime. As things turned out the match was a draw with O'Connor still the champion.

WATERBURY WRESTLING RESULTS
By **JOHN SEVIVAS**

A throng of 953 cheering and jeering fans turned out to witness the first in a series of outdoor cards.

In the main event, Antonino Rocca, 232, Buenos Aires, Argentine, topped Shohei Baba, 329, Japan, at 8:23 when the latter failed to enter the ring in the prescribed time after he was dropkicked through the ropes. After this particular bout Tony remained in the ring obliging all autograph hunters and handshakers.

In the semi-final, Eduardo Carpentier, 225, Paris, France, upset the 370 pound Golden Terror. Ed secured the nod at 9:27 with a flying backbreaker and a body press. The Terror resorted to vicious choke holds but to the delight of the fans they were to no avail.

In an action packed engagement, Bobo Brazil held Johnny Barend to a twenty minute draw. Johnny attempted to attack Bobo before the bell rang but the alert Brazil countered this maneuver by seizing his adversary's cane and gave him some of his own medicine. Several times Bobo had Barend pinned but the latter would

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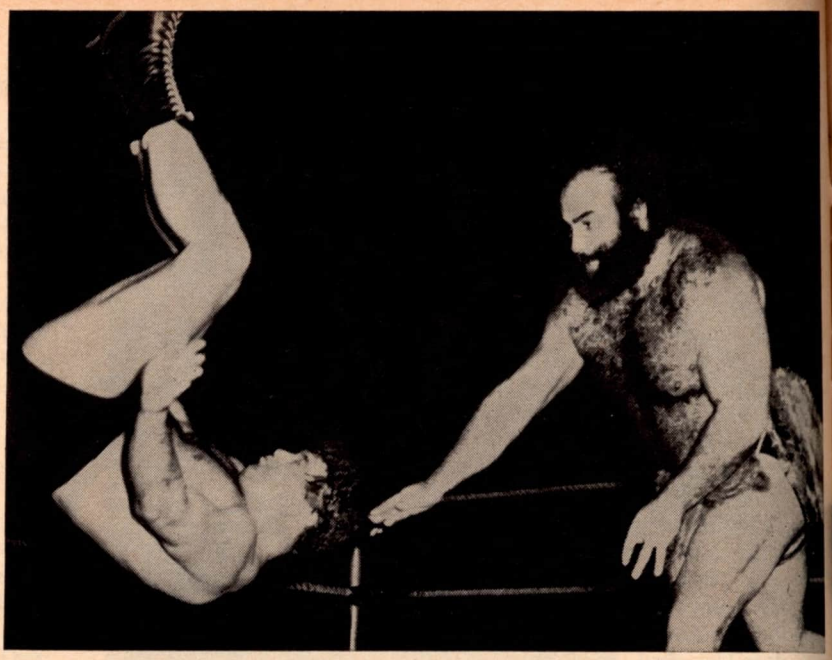
THE BEAST

INVADER FROM SICILY NOW APPEARING IN THE EAST HAS WRESTLING FANS AGOG WITH HIS DISPLAYS OF STRENGTH.



Eric Pomeroy "flies through the air" as "The Beast" displays unusual strength by tossing Pomeroy around with one hand. Lower left: "The Beast's" manager and adviser Angelo Martino gives final instructions to his charge. During matches Angelo uses a system of whistles to give his grappler strategy.

Story and Photos
By EARLE F. YETTER

SO there is nothing new in wrestling you say. Wrestling fans will change their minds when they see the new importation from Sicily, John Gauchetti, who wrestles as *"The Beast"* and who has wrestling fans in the East buzzing about his display of strength.

Only 5′ - 10″, The Beast has cast fear and consternation upon his future mat opponents with more than just a passing fancy. Weighing 240 pounds, this fugitive from the hills of Sicily, where he formerly lived as a sheep-herder, has taken the fancy of the crowd.

"The Beast" was discovered by Angelo Martino, who was Junior and Light Heavyweight champion of the world in 1947. Martino is convinced that "The Beast" will hold his own with most of the wrestlers in the U. S.

It seems that Martino came across "The Beast" one day while on a visit in Sicily. Some one told Martino about the inhuman strength of "The Beast" and Martino became immediately interested in the tales being told about this sheep-herder.

So, Martino took to the hills where "The Beast" was tending his sheep. He wanted to get a look at the man that everybody was talking about.

Martino was a professional wrestler for 30 years and wrestled more than 6,000 bouts during that period. He won the junior and light heavyweight championship in Hollywood, California, back in 1947 and is a qualified judge of any new wrestling proteges he might run across in his wordly sojourns.

As Martino approached the sheep ranges of Sicily, his guide pointed out John Gauchetti and said he was a sort of leader of all the sheep-herders. At the first glance, Martino did not seem to think that Gauchetti was anybody unusual. He had an unkempt appearance with a straggling beard with hair covering his entire body and legs.

As Martino's party approached, they made the sheep a little fidgety and some of them broke and ran in several directions. Suddenly, a short squat figure was seen to chase after some of the sheep. It was Gauchetti. He ran as fast as the sheep and

when he caught up with one, he lifted it up shoulder high with a display of strength that was eye-popping.

When the group assembled along with the sheep-herders, Martino talked with Gauchetti and upon closer inspection he could see that the sheep-herder had strong limbs, especially his arms. Back in the mind of Martino came the thought. . . . *"What a wrestler this man would make."*

Martino told Gauchetti that the life of a sheep-herder would not hold much of a future. The pay was small and it was a tedious life to say the least.

So Martino asked Gauchetti why he should not put his strength to work in a job that would bring rich rewards and a better life. Gauchetti seemed interested and that night Martino convinced Gauchetti that he should become a professional wrestler and throw men around instead of animals.

Gauchetti was a solid specimen and seemed to be in good physical condition. His daily routine of watching flocks of sheep had created a hardness in his body that was a marvel to behold. Climbing the hills of Sicily had put power into his legs and body that was unusual.

Martino took Gauchetti under his wing. He began to teach Gauchetti the holds needed in the sport of wrestling. With infinite patience he taught this new recruit the science of balance and leverage and it was not long before Gauchetti became accustomed to the gymnastic routines. Martino even went on the mat with Gauchetti himself to better polish his pupil.

After several months of intense training, Martino decided that Gauchetti was ready for his debut as a professional wrestler. That was about a year ago and since coming to the U. S. Gauchetti, who now wrestles as "The Beast," has set up a fantastic record. He has participated in more than 120 professional bouts and has not yet been defeated.

Now campaigning in the East, "The Beast" has fans on the Eastern Seaboard really excited with his demonstrations of strength. Still crude in actual wrestling war-fare, The Beast relies on power to see him through to victory. Martino, as his manager, gives "The Beast" instructions of how to wrestle his opponent from ringside by certain kinds of whistles, and "The Beast" is now learning fast the intricate American style of wrestling.

In New York and Ohio, "The Beast," undefeated as this story goes to press, has terminated most of his bouts in easy fashion, all by applying the "Bear-hug." Gino Cistoldi, Eric Pomeroy, Bobby Graham are among his victims.

Promoter Pedro Martinez, New York State mat mogul, wanted to put "The Beast" to a real test, so he matched him with Mike Gallagher, the Bayonne, N. J. belter, and a large crowd was on hand to see the match.

When the wily Mike Gallagher squared off against "The Beast," he figured that this newcomer could not take it and started to dish out an assortment of solid elbow smashes and then reverted to hard blows with his fists. To the surprise of everybody, "The Beast" came charging back each time and kept boring into Gallagher seeking his vaunted "Bearhug."

In "The Beast's" corner, Manager Martino was whistling instructions to his protege. Gallagher circled from the center to the corner of the ring where Martino was stationed. Martino jumped up on the ring apron and protested to the referee that Gallagher was using a closed fist. Gallagher turned and elbow-smashed Martino and knocked him from the ring apron to the floor, where Martino and Gallagher began sparring. Gallagher grabbed Martino and rammed his head into a board on the side of the ring, then came back into the ring to take up the fight with "The Beast."

"The Beast" apparently became incensed over the way Gallagher had man-handled his friend and adviser and charged into Gallagher with a vehemence. Mike kept throwing punches at "The Beast," but they did not stop the on-rushing charges of the former sheep-herder. He finally caught up with Gallagher and applied his "Bearhug." Gallagher was breathing hard after he took a couple applications of the hold and it seemed that his strength was ebbing fast. Two more "Bearhugs" and Gallagher was gasping for breath in a corner, where he dropped for a slight rest. Again Gallagher came out swinging his fists, but "The Beast" once more clamped on his "Bear-hug." He lifted Gallagher up and kept jouncing him up and down, each time applying more pressure. Gallagher finally wilted and sank to the canvas in defeat. It was a notable victory for "The Beast," in only 5:15.

At this writing, "The Beast" is the most controversial wrestler to come to this country in the past five years. It will be interesting to see who will be able to stop this new invader, as he continues to pile up a notable list of victories.

"The Beast" applies his favorite hold, "The Bear Hug." His opponent, Eric Pomeroy, from New Zealand, wilted before the colossal strength of "The Beast's" strong arm tactics.

THE MAT WORLD

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continually head for the ropes.

In an extremely exciting tag team match, Enrique Torres, 230, Sonorra, Mexico, and Vic Christie, 230, Hollywood, California, joined forces to score a victory over Fred Atkins, 250, Australia and Angelo Savoldi, 245, Italy. Atkins secured the first fall over Vic after a series of strangles at 5:58. Christie roared back finally pinning the big Australian at 15:15 with a flying body press. The final fall went to Enrique when he executed a superb flying body press at 2:30.

EASTERN NEWS AND ACTION
By EARLE YETTER

It is an astonishing spectacle to see wrestling enticing new fans to its cause from coast to coast. While there are some so-called fans who look upon the sport with a jaundiced eye, the fact of the matter is that the sport continues each year to bring fans into the fold, who have never before given the sport a tumble.

An unusual precedent was established during the warm season now coming to a conclusion with the advent of fall. In Buffalo, N. Y. Promoter Pedro Martinez generally closes down operations in Buffalo's War Memorial Auditorium. For the first time in the writer's memory, Martinez continued up until the close of June, but the crowds were so encouraging, despite counter-attractions that he continued the weekly shows when he saw that there was no appreciable let-up in attendance.

Returning to Eastern action is Waldo von Erich, brother of Fritz from a victorious campaign in Texas.

Back in Buffalo, N. Y. where Waldo wrestled some of his first bouts after turning professional he halted the promising youngster Scotty Andrews with his daring leap off the top ropes for a startling bloody victory.

On the same card brother Fritz was scheduled to meet the Beast in a return match but Fritz was unable to appear for the engagement because his plane to Buffalo was grounded because of inclement weather.

Young Waldo decided to take Fritz's place on the card against the Beast and it looked for a time as though the Beast had met his match. Waldo turned on the heavy artillery upon the Beast and had him wavering on queer street for a few stirring moments. He decked the Beast with vicious elbow smashes and then mounted the ropes for a leap upon the sprawled Beast. Just before landing the Beast moved out of range and Waldo came down violently to land on his right knee injuring it. In apparent pain Waldo fought off the Beast's attacks but his injured leg took the resistence away from him and he finally became another victim of the Beast's vulnerable "Bear-Hug." However, Waldo gave the Beast some anxious moments as he attempted to throw the book at the Sicilian, but he paid the penalty when his top rope leap misfired. The only consolation Waldo seemed to have for the evening was the fact that he received two pay checks for his efforts.

The writer wishes to thank all of those thoughtful fan club presidents who have bestowed an honorary membership upon him in various fan clubs.

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MATSIDE — PROVIDENCE
By KAREN HENDERSON

After a months delay wrestling resumed at the Rhode Island Auditorium in Providence, Rhode Island.

For some reason, the referee for the night did not arrive. Therefore, much to the crowds approval, Tony Manousos, was assigned to referee. And Carlo Milano did the refering for Tony's match. It was a real treat!

During the opening bout of the evening tremendously popular Tony Manousos went to a gruelling draw with the Australian Rock Fred Atkins. Then popular favorite Carlo Milano showed some great skill and manuverability by returning punch for punch the blows directed at him by Giant Shohi Baba. Even though Carlo came out on the losing end it can't be said that he didn't try. In tag-team action the Kangaroos lost to Miguel Perez and Billy Darnell. In the main bouts world heavyweight champion Nature Boy Buddy Rogers took the measure of Bobo Brazil. Bobo missed a flying tackle and went sailing onto the floor, and was unable to reenter the ring. While he was on his feet he really gave Buddy a trouncing though.

MOTOR CITY WRESTLING NEWS
By L. VAN CLEVE

Wrestling is doing very well in Detroit at the Cobo Hall Convention Arena. Johnny Doyle and Jim Barnett promote wrestling three weeks.

On the latest card for the U.S. championship held by Dick the Bruiser almost 12,000 fans packed the arena.

In the first bout, popular Czya Nandor and Robert of Paris went to a draw. Sandy Scott beat Art Neilson and in the process of doing so opened a cut above Neilson's eye. Ricki Starr downed Jack Steele in the usual Starr manner. George Scott beat Stan Neilson. Don Leo Jonathan (AWA world champion) went to a draw with Mark Lewin. Ricky Cortez opened up a bad cut on Joe Blanchards head and then pinned him. Ray Stern beat the Sheik in a two-out-of-three fall bout.

In the main event, Lord Layton won the U.S. title from Bick the Bruiser. Layton, Detroit's television announcer, is the most popular wrestler to ever appear in Detroit. He holds two victories over Fritz von Erich and one over the Sheik. The Bruiser won the first fall, and Layton took the second with his famed Judo Chops. During the third fall, Layton gave Bruiser a chop to the forehead which opened up a cut on the Bruiser's forehead. The Doctor stopped the match because Bruiser was losing too much blood. Layton was awarded the match and the U.S. title.

MINNESOTA MAT NEWS
By JACK MONTGOMERY

The Mysterious Mr. M recently suffered through what was unquestionably the toughest match he has had in his several month stay here, when he won by disqualification over John "Moose" Evans.

Evans, who was quickly dubbed "Big Bad John" by the fans because of his liberal interpretation of the rules, was administering a severe thrashing to M when, in his frantic effort to capture the Mysterious One's crown, he went completely beserk and was disqualified.

Black Jack Daniels, a protégé of Tiny Mills and for many years a trial horse in this area, has fast been coming into his own.

In a tag team match Daniels teamed up with Texas Bob Geigel to go against the fast moving Italians, Ilio Dipalo and Joe Scarpello.

Though Dipalo and Scarpello emerged victorious, Daniels showed Minnesota fans flashes of great ability and even greater potential.

MAT CHATTER — OMAHA
By MIKE MASSEY

Exciting mat action has been seen by Omaha wrestling fans over the past three weeks. And in the thick of it all are Verne Gagne and Fritz Von Erich.

Von Erich has had several unpleasant surprises enroute to his title bout with Gagne, but the biggest surprise of all, was Larenzo Parente. The small, but scrappy, Italian met Fritz on TV, and held him at bay long enough to earn a draw. Later on the TV card, between matches, Von Erich attacked Verne Gagne from behind and applied his Iron Claw, which is illegal, on Omaha television. Promoter Joe Dusek has refused to pay Von Erich his night's salary plus his expense check. Says Dusek, *"Nothing gets to a wrestler quicker than his pocket book and I know that better than anyone."*

PACIFIC NORTHWEST WRESTLING
By DEAN A. SILVERSTONE

The Seattle World's Fair has attracted over 6,000,000 people, many of them wrestling fans and wrestlers themselves.

Pat O'Connor, his wife Remember and their 4 year old daughter Caly Alyson, spent a weeks vacation in Seattle and Pat said that the Fair was wonderful.

Promoter and Matchmaker Harry Elliott produced a wonderful evening of pro wrestling recently at the World's Fair Arena in Seattle. The Arena is on the Fair grounds.

Heading the card, Pat O'Connor was declared winner over Maurice Vashon when Referee Yvon Roberre disqualified Vashon after he had pinned O'Connor twice. Vashon attacked his foe after the match was over.

Northwest Champion Shag Thomas drew with the American Wrestling Alliance Mat King, 345 pound Prince Kuhio.

Luther Lindsey defeated Dean Higuchi.

Chief Billy White Wolf was awarded the decision on disqualification in his match with Fritz von Goering.

Kurt von Poppenheim was disqualified against New York's Herby Freeman.

Pango Pango, substituting for Pat Patterson, defeated Danny O'Rourke.

CALIFORNIA MAT ACTION
By PAUL PETERSON

WWA world wrestling champion, Freddy Blassie, won the NAWA recognition and the original championship belt, by virtue of his victory over Japan's Rikidozan.

Dozan had won the NAWA version of the crown, when he defeated Blassie last March. Along with his victory, he received the championship belt. Los Angeles matchmaker, Jules StrongBow, signed up a Rikidozan-Blassie rematch for two-out-of-three falls, with no time limit.

Blassie won the match when the doctor at ringside advised referee Johnny "Red Shoes" Dugan to stop the match due to a bad cut on Dozan's forehead. Dozan suffered the injury just after sixteen minutes of the second fall had gone by. Up to the point of the cut, Dozan had the clear advantage of the bout.

The Japanese champion took the first fall in 27:29 with a judo chop. Dozan continued his relentless attack of judo chops in the second fall. Rikidozan had Blassie set up for a tackle, when the wily blond fell to the mat; Dozan went flying outside and hit head first on the turnbuckle. As he arose, his face was a mask of blood. Blassie took advantage of this, by hitting and biting Dozan on the open wound until the match was stopped. Rikidozan weighed 248; Blassie tipped the scales at his customary 233.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO'S COW PALACE
By ROY SHIRE

Ray Stevens retained his U.S. heavyweight wrestling title by defeating Bearcat Wright at the Cow Palace before 15,750 fans who paid $46,892.

(Main event)—First fall: Stevens, 8:35 with bombs away and body press. Second fall, Wright 5:05, figure four leglock. Third Fall, Stevens, 4:15, when Wright fell from ring and was unable to continue.

(Tag Team Match)—One hour, two-out-of-three falls: Mitzu Arakawa and Kenji Shibuya d. Wilbur Snyder and Hercules Cortez: First fall, 7:00 Snyder, over Arakawa, abdominal stretch. Second fall, 10:00, Arakawa over Snyder, judo-chop and body press. Third fall, 6:02, Arakawa over Cortez, judo-chop and body press.

(Special event) — One fall, 30 mins., Pepper Gomez defeated Karl Von Schoberg, 7:20, Mexican cradle roll.

(Preliminaries — one fall, 15 mins.)

Big Ed Miller beat Chief Big Heart, 8:45, a Miller Special. Luis Martinez won over Waldo Von Erich, 8:35, Referee stopped match. Don Manoukian beat Czaya Nandon, 6:40, with a back-breaker. The Shiek defeated Sam Koenig, 5:05, with a cobra hold.

Pepper Gomez successfully made his first defense of his U.S. heavyweight title by winning two of three falls from Don Manoukian before 11,123 fans paying $34,107.

MAT NOTES
By FRANK S. MOTT

Before a crowd of 8,000, young Eric Rommel and Dick Garza took the measure of Billy Varga and La Pantera in a local Tag-Title match. Rommel and Garza were making their second Olympic main event appearance.

The T.V. main-go saw the Sensational Destroyer take an easy win from 250 pound Chief Crazy Horse. The Chief took the first fall, with the masked one coming back to take the next two falls in short time. The third fall saw the Chief fall victim to the figure-four lock of the Destroyer.

On the under card, Dick Hutton won over Clyde Preacher Steves, Gene Labell defeated Art Mahalik and Labell drew with Black Bart in the opener.

For those fans coming to Southern California during the coming months, wrestling cards are held six nights a week. The schedule is as follows:

MONDAY . . . PASADENA
TUESDAY . . . BAKERSFIELD
WEDNESDAY . . . LOS ANGELES
THURSDAY . . . LONG BEACH
FRIDAY . . . SAN DIEGO
SATURDAY . . . SAN BERNARDINO

For those fans visiting Arizona cards are held in Phoenix, Tucson and Yuma.

LOS ANGELES WRESTLING
By MIKE STENSVOLD

It was a fearless but frazzled Freddie Blassie that emerged from the ring at San Diego's Coliseum. Two days earlier, he had regained the World's Heavyweight title from big Rikidozan at the Olympic Auditorium. After holding the title for two whole days Blassie met an interesting character who calls himself The (Sensational) Destroyer. Freddie took the opening fall, but was injured in the second fall. The Missouri Maniac couldn't continue, and a new champion was crowned.

Two of my favorites have returned in the persons of Big Mike Sharpe and Ricki Starr. Ricki beat Clyde Steeves, while 265-pounder Sharpe drew with Cowboy Dick Hutton.

SOUTHERN WRESTLING NEWS
By GENE GORDON

Returning to Charlotte are the Famous Von Brauners, Kurt and Karl, with their manager, Gentleman Saul Weingeroff. The German brothers are the roughest combination ever to appear in the South. These fellows are strictly business in the ring. In Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, and the Carolinas, they rate nothing but main events, which proves their standing as the most highly rated tag team around this territory. With brains as well as brawn, they are well educated. They are expert pilots who travel in their private plane and are also noted as builders of motorcycles and racers. The Germans were discovered by Weingeroff while he was wrestling there several years ago. He saw great material in this pair and decided to give up the sport and devote all his time to teaching and managing.

Haystack Calhoun and Abe Jacobs won the feature event of the all-star card at Charlotte's Park Center Arena over the very rough Jim (Riot all) Wright and the cunning Chinese star of Oriental wrestling, P. Y. Chung. Ike Eakins and Pancho Villa won a close victory over the fan favorites, Dick Steinborn and Johnny Weaver. This was their first loss in Charlotte since they formed a team several months ago. George (Two-Ton) Harris drew with veteran Angelo Martinelli in a sizzler and Firey Pat O'Brien, the crowd pleasing Irishman, earned a convincing victory over newcomer Billy Garrett.

TEXAS RASSLIN'
By ALAN ESKEW

Top stars are being signed for matches in Texas for the fall months by Promoter Ed McLemore.

Currently heading wrestling cards in Texas is Art Sailor Thomas. Thomas is the undefeated Texas champ who has teamed up with Bull Curry to make a feared team.

Ivan The Terrible is one of the wildest men I have ever seen. He has a long black beard and very long hair, which caused Bull Curry a loss when he got his fingers tangled up in it.

The Mummy is still one of the wierdest looking wrestlers that has ever appeared here. Tarzan Tyler a roughhouse grappler is gaining some big wins here including a win over Bull Curry. The Great and Mighty Bolos, a masked duo, have made few friends. They have a hold called the hydrogen head butt in which they place something in their masks and then butt their opponents.

John Paul Henning is still a favorite here and heading mat cards. Mr. Henning has added more wins to his credit here since the last writing and his only loss is to Buddy Rogers. His most recent wins are over Nick Kozak, Tony Angelo, The Mummy, and Tarzan Tyler.

Nick and Jerry Kozak are recognized as the World Tag Champions throughout the Southwest.

LAKELAND, FLORIDA
By L. C. JOHNSON

Harry Smith and Don Curtis won over the Assassins when they were disqualified. The Great Malenko won over Mark Stone and Jerry Miller won over Jan Madrid.

There was a rough match between the Masked Assassins and Joe Scarpa and Don Curtis with each team having one fall when time ran out. Jerry Miller lost to the Great Malenko. Don Whittler won over Jan Madrid.

Kurt and Karl Von Brauner had one fall over Don Curtis and Joe Scarpa when all four wrestlers went into the ring and then both teams were disqualified. Mark Stone lost two falls to Len Montana. Jan Madrid lost to Mike Paidousis.

Jan Madrid lost to Harry Smith in a two out of three falls. The Great Malenko won over Al Bell. Mike Paidousis and Len Montana won over the Von Brauner twins Kurt and Karl.

WESTERN CANADA WRESTLING
By BOB LEONARD

After only 16 days as N.A.W.A. World's Champion, Ronnie Etchison went down to defeat at the hands of Gene Kiniski, 275, of Edmonton, Alberta, in a recent Calgary bout. One of Kiniski's first defences of the title will be against ex-king Killer Kowalski, topping a ten-bout outdoor card in Calgary.

Erudite Mr. Armstrong Kay has imported another fine specimen of musculature, the dashing Robert of Paris. One of Europe's top stars, the 238 lb. Parisian's style is confusing to foes here, and his power tactics have smashed out wins over some top ringmen. On the Continent, he is known under his true name of Robert Duranton, but elected to become Robert of Paris on his North American tour.

A kudo must go to The Mighty Ursus of Mexico for his action-charged brand of tussling. The 325 lb. mauler switches from scientific to brawling tactics from bout to bout, yet boasts a legion of fans in the West. He is indeed a showman of the first water, and a real pleasure to watch as he goes about his chosen work.

WRESTLING IN JAPAN
By GEORGE YOSHINAGA

TOKYO—Freddie Blassie who lost his California version of the World heavyweight championship to Japan's Rikidozan in a title match in Los Angeles in March, challenged the popular Japanese on his home mats during an International Tournament held recently but came home empty handed when he lost two matches one to Riki.

The matches here were a repetition of the one in Los Angeles which caused one fan to collapse at ringside from a heart attack.

In the Japanese matches, two other aged fans fainted as Blassie and Riki gouged each other into a bloody spectacle.

Blassie won a rubber match in California as reported elsewhere in this issue.

The International Tournament, held in principal cities in Japan featured nine stateside wrestlers including Lou Thesz, Duke Hoffman, Lawrence H. Henning, Buddy Austin, Dick Hutton, Great Togo, Mike Shape, Arnold Skalland and Clyde Steeves.

A record total of fans turned out to witness the series which was highlighted by the Blassie-Riki rematch. A total of over 25,000 saw the three matches at the Tokyo Kaikan Hall.

Despite TV coverage of the matches, countless thousands were turned away by the capacity house.

EUROPEAN WRESTLING NEWS
By BRIAN JONES

Geoff Portz, "Farmer" John Allan and Harry Fields, three of England's most popular grapplers recently switched over from Joint Promotions Ltd. to the Paul Lincoln office and other promotions connected with the Independent circuit. No doubt Joint's refusal to pay the boys more money for TV appearances is the reason for the change over.

The Independent's in the north are rather weak but in London and the south they are growing stronger day by day under the guidance of Paul Lincoln. Paul is expanding all the time and his table of wrestlers is growing into a formidable one.

Blonde Terry Garvin the Canadian bad man who has been here since last fall went back home for a spell at the end of June but is hoping to return to these shores in November. Of all the wrestlers we saw from the United States and Canada last winter season, and this list includes Sandy Scott, Dino Bravo, Ricky Waldo, Tosh Togo, Frankie Townsend and Luther Lindsey. Terry Garvin was the only one who came without any real big fanfare and publicity yet when he was firmly established in British wrestling circles. Terry is more of a showman than straight wrestler but his performance in the ring is well worth the price of admission.

Gordon Nelson of Canada and "Texas" Buddy Cody of Dallas, Tex., both big favorites in Europe are back in the U.S.A. appearing both in single and tag matches.

"Irish" Ivor Barratt rising young gripster from Dublin is also at present in America working in Georgia and the south.

There is little truth to a rumor that Bert Assirati is contemplating a comeback so Bert told your reporter a short time ago. Assirati has many business interests in and around central London including a wrestling promotion.

There is a strong possibility that Gedeon Gida of Hungary may be heading to the United States for a tour soon and if this comes about American fans who appreciate real wrestling will be in for a treat. Gida whose main offensive is the suplex, as it is of most Hungarians must be rated next to Karel Istaz of Belgium or Karl Gotch as Americans know him as being the continent's best. Both Gida and Istaz are far superior in ability to Kurt Jonny Stein, Eduardo Castilla and Ed Carpentier.

Wrestling is my beat. . . . Did you know that in 1938 over 50,000 Irishmen turned out to see Danno O'Mahoney wrestle Steve "Crusher" Casey in Dublin? . . . that almost thirty years ago Bert Assirati defeated "Strangler" Lewis in a London gymnasium? . . . that Earl McCready the brilliant Canadian was the first wrestler to appear over TV? This was in England in 1938 when the medium was still in its infancy . . . that Frank Hurley the Australian Globetrotter is a naturalized Canadian? Frank rates Bert Assirati, Lou Thesz, Earl McCready, Jimmy Londos as the best he has met in twenty-five years of mat warfare . . . that in March 1951 former boxers "Two Ton" Tony Galento and Jack Doyle wrestled each other in London's Harringay Arena? . . . that Karl Pojello of Lithuania was one of the few matmen from the west to visit Peking, China? . . . that Frank Sexton is the greatest American wrestler Europe has seen since the end of World War II? . . . the most popular . . . Pat Curry?

CLAY-LAVORANTE

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punch away, blocking and slipping most of the punches, and seemed content to poke his jab and skip out of harm's way.

His waiting game payed off in the fifth, when as Lavo was pulling away from a jab, Clay, quick as a cat, sent over a right that crashed into the side of Lavo's head . . . slowly, the full effect was felt. Lavo's knees caved in, he toppled over on his left side and Clay danced a jig as he ran to a neutral corner then back to where referee Tommy Hart was counting over Lavorante. Hart chased him back to the corner and Alejandro stumbled up at the count of nine.

Lavo just about got his hands up when Cassius struck with a right to the side of Lavo's head. Then he jabbed and followed up with a jolting left hook, that traveled eight inches.

Alejandro went down on his back, his head bouncing off the ropes, coming to rest on the bottom strand. Hart didn't bother to count, it was all over in 1:48 of the round, marking the fifteenth straight victory for Clay.

INVESTIGATING

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since when has one of the ilk been irked in that way?

Clancy said, "These questions invade my privacy and I am told I don't have to answer them." In this stand he got ample support from associates and advice from barristers.

The list of questions should be incorporated into a joke book. Here are some of the more or less pertinent queries;—

1—How much do you spend for liquor? (Scotch or Rye or Bourbon?)

2—How many fur coats have you bought for (a) your wife; (b) your friends, if not married? (What fur? Mink, otter, skunk?)

3—How much silverware do you have in your home? (This doubtless means to include spoons, knives, forks and soup strainers.)

4—How much money do you spend for laundry? (West wash or already ironed?)

Pilot Asked to Reveal Deep Secrets

5—How much money did you spend for dry cleaning?

6—Have you been taking vacations? If so, where have you gone and how much have you spent for them? (Tips included?)

7—Have you a bank account? Have you more than one account? How much money do you have in these accounts?

8—Do you rent a safe deposit box? If so, where?

9—Does your wife, if you have one, work? Does she have an account or accounts and how much money does she carry in these?

10—If you have children, do they have bank accounts and how much money is in them?

11—Do you carry life insurance and if you do, in what companies and what are the numbers of your policies?

12—Do you own stocks in Mutual Funds? If so, what are their values?

13—Have you made any gifts of more than $100?

Members of the Legislative Committee, Joseph F. Soviero and Robert Rawlins, its lawyers, and any others from whom clarification of these questions could be sought, were not available at the time of publication.

I would say that the questionnaire presents the first legislative curiosity regarding the cleanliness of fight managers. That is, their physical cleanliness,(like bathing, wearing oft-laundered underwear and shirts.

It also hits a new high in curiosity about the type of cold-evading clothing the wives of married fight managers effect.

If any Legislative Committee really and actually believes that it stands a fair chance to get direct answers to questions of the type here quoted it is made up of a lot of Little Neds from Casey Stengel's Third Reader.

Set of Questions Puts Probe on Daffy Side

If the Ring Detective expected anything interesting and serious to come out of the New York investigations, those questions killed that off.

If, as has been explained, the Legislative Committee requires direct answers to all these questions in order to arrive at fair recommendations, I suggest that the committee lock up and go home and await a better day for its deliberations, if any.

After going over the questionnaire I am prompted to make a sage, calmly arrived at remark of one word. It is "Nuts".

Senator Estes Kefauver conducted a very interesting and richly productive, in headlines, series of probes in Washington. But he left all conclusions hanging in mid-air.

I suggest that the Senator was too kind, too well disposed, toward fighters confessing their errors. "Go and sin no more", said the Senatorial pontiff from Tennessee.

However, in other directions things happened. Frankie Carbo, a mere messenger and lobbygow, a front for higher up malfactors, was thrown into the pokey and the esteemed Blinky Palermo also got into trouble with the law. Just too bad!

However, the brains of conniving syndicates were left unscathed. The Kefauver hearings ceased on this interesting note;— Boxing needs a National Commissioner.

Maybe it does. Maybe it doesn't. In any event, the Commissioner would be answerable to Bob Kennedy, Attorney General, and he wants nothing to do with the business.

Boxing is sitting back now and waiting for fresh developments.

Garden Must Meet Challenge to Action

The Federal court order which limited the world championship of the Garden Corporation in New York has run out. It remains to be seen if that group will go on running scared or will justify its plans for a new arena seating 25,000 with more determined and more inspired activity in the boxing field.

Boxing in the United States—yes, in the world—cannot score a big surge unless the chief impetus is located in New York City.

Because it is the hub of the greatest and richest market in the world, New York is bypassed for big fights, which are sent into such byways as Las Vegas. The telecasts, with their impassioned "buy this, buy that" pleas are piped into the New York ten million radius.

This system, pernicious and short sighted, is strangling boxing and has got to be changed.

Madison Avenue has been blamed for a lot of ills, unjustly.

But in this case it stands soundly accused and convicted.

In the meantime, don't worry about that New York Legislative Investigation and the nutty questionnaire.

Much more important to boxing is the way in which the Garden people in New York meet the challenge to action, and the way in which New York is saved from the Big Market octopus.

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WHEN THE MIDDLEWEIGHT GREATS OF OLD

BY-ERWIN L -HESS-

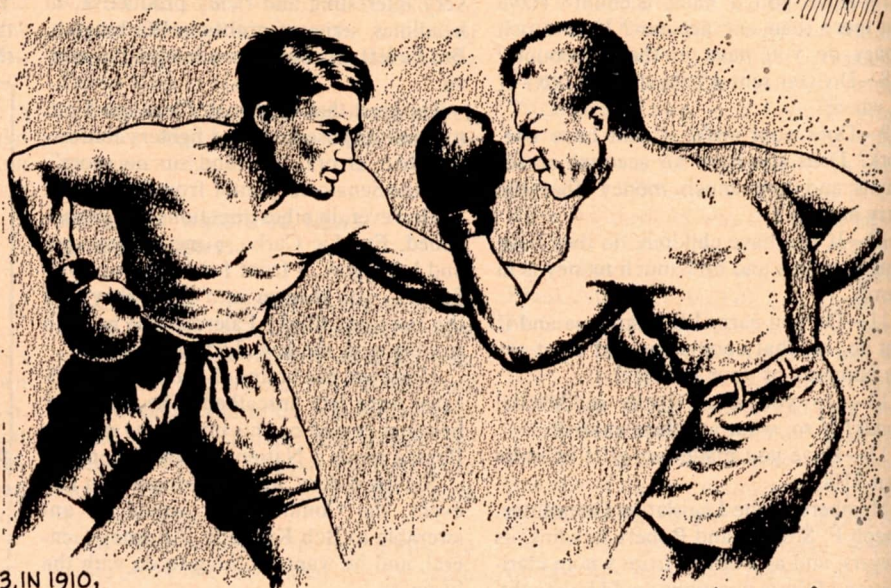
THERE HAVE BEEN MANY FAMOUS MIDDLEWEIGHT GREATS IN THE PAST 35 YEARS..WALKER, JEBY, BROUILLARD, VINCE DUNDEE, YAROSZ, RISKO, STEELE, HOSTAK, ZALE, GRAZIANO, CERDAN, LA MOTTA, ROBINSON, TURPIN, OLSON, BASILIO, FULLMER, PENDER... AND THE BOXING WORLD IS RELIEVED THAT THE MIDDLEWEIGHT DIVISION, THESE 35 YEARS, WAS NO LONGER THE BOXING DIVISION MARKED WITH A SERIES OF MISFORTUNE, SORROW, SADNESS, TRAGEDY AND **DEATH!**

YEARS AGO THE MIDDLEWEIGHT DIVISION WAS PLAGUED WITH A WEIRD SUCCESSION OF DEATHLY TRAGEDIES...IT SEEMED TO BE MYSTERIOUS... BIZARRE...STRANGE... FRIGHTENING.... ONE BY ONE, THE IMMORTAL MIDDLEWEIGHT GREATS OF OLD MET WITH DISASTER..... MURDER..SUICIDE...DISEASE...UNTIMELY **DEATH!**

STANLEY KETCHEL, THE KILLER! THE HARDEST HITTER OF ALL THE MIDDLEWEIGHTS *AND THE GREATEST,* ALONG WITH GREB AND ROBINSON, *AND...THE IMMORTAL FITZ!*

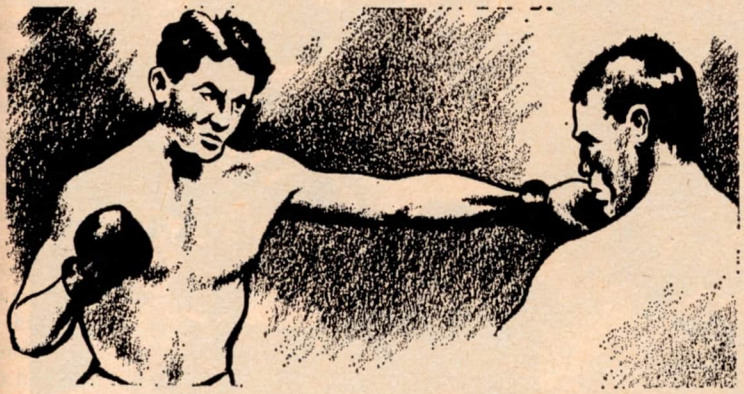
THE MOST VIOLENT FEUD, IN THE LONG HISTORY OF THE MIDDLEWEIGHT DIVISION, WAS THE ONE BETWEEN THE TWO GREAT MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONS OF LONG AGO.... THE IMMORTAL STANLEY KETCHELL," THE MICHIGAN ASSASSIN "AND THE GREAT BILLY PAPKE. THESE TWO FAMOUS FIGHTERS OF YESTERYEAR TANGLED IN THREE FIERCELY-FOUGHT BATTLES.... KETCHEL FIRST BEAT PAPKE IN MILWAUKEE. RIGHT AFTER THAT NO DECISION FIGHT, KETCHEL TOOK A BATH IN CHAMPAGNE, TO OUTDO LILLIAN RUSSELL WHO HAD TAKEN A FAMOUS BATH IN MILK. WHAT GREAT MIDDLEWEIGHT FIGHERS KETCHEL AND PAPKE WERE!

THEN—AFTER KETCHEL WON THE VACANT MIDDLEWEIGHT CROWN BY KNOCKING OUT MIKE (TWIN) SULLIVAN IN ONE ROUND AT COLMA ON FEB. 22, 1908—KETCHEL LOST THE TITLE TO PAPKE, "THE ILLINOIS THUNDERBOLT," BY A 12 ROUND K.O. ON SEPT. 7, 1908 IN LOS ANGELES! TWO MONTHS LATER HE REGAINED THE TITLE BY KNOCKING OUT BILLY IN 11 ROUNDS IN SAN FRANCISCO! ACCORDING TO TOM ANDREWS... KETCHEL'S HANDS WERE LITTLE AS A GIRL'S, YET THE "KILLER" K.O.'D LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION PHILADEPHIA JACK O'BRIEN AND FLOORED GREAT JACK JOHNSON. BOTH KETCHEL AND PAPKE WERE LATER STRUCK DOWN BY THE GRIM REAPER....



DEATH! AT THE AGE OF 23, IN 1910, KETCHEL WAS SHOT AND KILLED.....LATER PAPKE COMMITTED SUICIDE! BY A FARMER

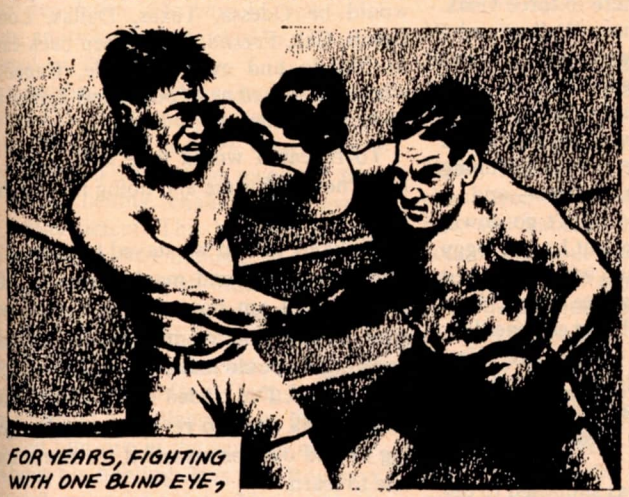
WERE STOPPED BY DEATH AND SORROW!



KID MC COY, THE SMARTEST AND TRICKIEST OF ALL MIDDLE-WEIGHTS, WAS IN THE RING FROM 1891 TO 1914. THEN, IN 1925, THE GRIM REAPER SWUNG ITS DEATHLY SCYTHE INTO THE "KID'S" LIFE. MC COY MURDERED A GIRL FRIEND. HE, TOO, WAS "TOUCHED" BY THE MIDDLEWEIGHT JINX... **DEATH!**

THE GREAT BOB FITZSIMMONS... THE MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION. HE ALSO WON BOTH HEAVY-WEIGHT AND LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT RING TITLES! IN THE RING FROM 1880 TO 1914, HE IS AN IMMORTAL, BUT HIS LIFE WAS CUT SHORT IN 1917— BY PNEUMONIA... AND... **DEATH!**

THE ORIGINAL JACK DEMPSEY.... "THE NONPAREIL"... WHO LOST THE MIDDLE-WEIGHT TITLE TO FITZSIMMONS IN 1891, HAD ANOTHER FOE TO FIGHT DURING THE LAST 5 YEARS OF HIS LIFE.. TUBERCULOSIS. THEN CAME... **DEATH!** ..THEN HE WAS BURIED IN A PAUPER'S GRAVE!



FOR YEARS, FIGHTING WITH ONE BLIND EYE, TIRELESS HARRY GREB LANDED HUNDREDS OF PUNCHES EVERY ROUND... AN INCESSANT "HUMAN WINDMILL"... BUT, SUDDENLY WAS FERRIED ACROSS THE BLACK RIVER STYX!

HARRY GREB, THE GREAT "HUMAN WINDMILL"— PROBABLY THE GREATEST MIDDLEWEIGHT SINCE KETCHEL. HE BEAT BIG LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS, GIBBONS AND TUNNEY! IN OCTOBER OF 1926.... A "MINOR" EYE OPERATION RESULTED IN GREB'S UNTIMELY **DEATH!**

IN FEBRUARY OF 1926 HARRY GREB HAD LOST THE MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP TO TIGER FLOWERS.....

IN 1927 FLOWERS DIED SUDDENLY, TOO! A ONE-TWO PUNCH WAS DELIVERED BY... **DEATH!**

FIGHTING CHAMPIONS

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Another welter king who had a pretty busy time while sitting on the throne was Pete Latzo, who averaged one title bout every four months.

Although Joe Brown defended the lightweight title more than any other champion in that class it took him sixty-four months to rack up his even dozen for an average of one every five plus months. This is far below the mark set by Jimmy Carter. Carter, in his first two terms as champion, averaged around one defense every four months. In his first term, 1951-52, he had three bouts in twelve months, second time around it was four in seventeen months.

George (Kid) Lavigne made eight defenses during his thirty-seven month reign as 132 pound champion.

George Dixon and Terry McGovern were real fighting Champions among the featherweights. George putting his tiara on the line nine times in the fourteen months he held the title after rewinning it from Dave Sullivan in 1898 until losing it to McGovern in January of 1900.

An amazing feat considering the time it took to travel, was that he defended it in Denver, Colorado, beating Tommy White in twenty rounds on July 1, 1899 and two days later, knocked out Sam Bolen in three rounds in Louisville, Ky. in a non-title match.

"Terrible Terry" also was a busy one. Less than a month after winning the title he kayoed Eddie Santry in Chicago and made six defenses, including the fight against Young Corbett in Hartford on November 28, 1901. He lost the title just twenty-three months after winning it.

"The Brown Bomber" is mobbed by his fans following his successful twenty-fifth title defense against Jersey Joe Walcott in Yankee Stadium. Louis knocked out Walcott in the eleventh round. This was his last fight as champion, Joe announcing his retirement some months later.

Manuel Ortiz, in his second time around as boss of the bantamweights, racked up five defenses in thirty-eight months, but that was nothing like his pace during his first rule of the division in which he put his title on the line sixteen times in fifty-three months, including the time he spent in the Army in 1945, a year in which he failed to defend even once. His closest bouts were against Kenny Lindsay in Hollywood on May 26, 1946 and Jackie Jurich in San Francisco on June 10th, a break of fifteen days.

Frankie Neil, who held the bantam title from August 1903 to October 1904, made four defenses in the fourteen month period. He wasted little time in making his first, as he knocked out Bill DeCoursey in Los Angeles in fifteen rounds just twenty-two days after he dethroned Harry Frobes.

Pascual Perez, the Argentinian who holds the mark for the flyweights, defended his crown eighteen times in his sixty-five months rule. His two closest fights were twenty-two days apart, August 3 and 25, in 1956, when he kayoed Ricardo Valdez and Hector Almaraz in Tandil and Rosario, Argentina, respectively.

GOING TO THE DOGS

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I had weight on him, 158 to 150, and I had the power on him. I should have swept him off his feet. Well, I started all right, I shook him up in the first round. Then I slowed down like an old lady. I don't know why I did. I wasn't tired. I didn't even sit down between rounds while poor Gil kept flopping onto the stool and struggling to his feet after the rest period.

But, during the rounds he was trying and I was just going through the motions. The fans were cheering him and booing me. Somehow I woke up a little towards the finish. If I hadn't put on that rally, I would have blown the fight. At that, I won by a split vote.

My next fight was in Buffalo, and it was the first time I'd been there in three years. The opponent was Sammy Walker and I was handling him in good style. I was thinking . . . "I'll get a good writeup for a change." But, with barely a minute to go in the last round, I dropped my left guard carelessly. Walker came in with a looping right—a sucker punch, it was—and it nailed me on the chin. I didn't go down, I've got a big-league chin, but I was groggy all the way to the end. And what happened in the papers? They wrote about how Giambra barely missed being stiffened!

Scanlan moved me out to the West Coast after that. I did all right in San Francisco. I beat Rocky Castellani, I lost to Rory Calhoun and then I beat Joey Giardello.

The Giardello fight was supposed to decide who would get Gene Fullmer in an NBA title bout. My winning spoiled the blueprint, I guess. Fullmer passed me up. Sometime later, after Giardello lost a few more, he did get a crack at Fullmer. It finished up a draw. If I had been there, I know I would have taken the championship.

I didn't cry over it. I just would ask Mike, "what's next?" And off we'd go. It would be Odessa, Texas, Dallas, Long Beach, Cal., Fresno, Reno, then back east to Buffalo and even Ft. Erie, Canada, where I'd started as a four-round fighter in 1949 under Mike.

To repeat, I would take it in stride, I knew he was for me and doing the best he could.

It's likely that, if we stayed together, I'd still be trouping and maybe enjoying life more than I am now. But I might have gone to the end of my career without knowing if I could make it big. This switch in is my try. I've traded in my bicycle for a baby-tank with no reverse gear. I'm going to find out for myself if it's never too late to learn.

And, if it be too late—there are the dogs!

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FROM RING TO "KING"

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driver, amateur and pro boxer, boxing promoter and trainer, labor union chief of Rhodesian railroad workers; member of Parliament in Northern Rhodesia, Deputy Premier and now Premier, he occupies the highest political post in troubled Central Africa.

By falsifying his age, Sir Roy fooled the examing physician when he applied for a railroad fireman's job at the age of seventeen. But with his 6 foot-1 inch, 286-pound body, he had no trouble being certified.

In countries other than his native land, they think of him only as a shrewd, powerful and successful politician. But in Rhodesia he gained fame in many fields long before he took up politics. He has played as great a part in the development of boxing in Africa as he has in the political field. He was on the list of employees of the Rhodesian Railroad for upwards of forty years, including those while he served as a legislator and during World War Two in a ministerial capacity for the British government.

WON FIRST SEVEN FIGHTS

Boxing for Sir Roy was not only a hobby but a means of adding to his meager income as a railroad fireman. As a professional, he won most of some forty contests. He was the local hero. Lacking ring cleverness, he used his powerful body. He had fists of iron and a body hard as nails.

At skipping rope he had no equal. When at times there were insufficient boxers to fill out a program, it was announced that a special rope-skipping exhibition would be given by Roy. Discussing that phase of his boxing career, Roy writes:

"I had rhythm and could keep in harmony with the whistling of the fight fans or their handclaps."

Winning fight after fight in Salisbury, Roy became a favorite and gained a national reputation. He won his first seven bouts, and lost his first decision when outpointed in 20 rounds by Tonv Squires, not a brother of heavyweight Bill Squires, who had fought Tommy Burns.

His brothers Joe and Ben were also professionals and Roy often seconded them or, after a licking, challenged to avenge the family defeat. This he did after Ben was kayoed by Roy Bennett, of Australia. The fight was arranged, but Bennett withdrew and since the Rhodesian title was at stake, Roy acquired the title by default.

In 1923, following a severe shellacking brother Joe received from Doug Hammon, Roy accepted a challenge from Doug and knocked him out in the seventh round.

About his fighting days, Sir Roy says: "More than once I fought 20-round bouts for 20 pounds, then an equivalent of about $100 American money. When I stopped Johnny Squires in the eleventh round of a twenty rounder, I received my top purse—35 pounds or about $175.00 U.S. currency. I boxed as a professional four years, and helped keep the family purse out of the red. My interest in the sport never has declined.

Kenny Lane, Muskegon, Michigan southpaw, hits the deck in third round, after absorbing a right on the jaw from Carlos Hernandez of Venezuela at Madison Square Garden. Kenny got up and boxed his way to a one-sided unanimous verdict that was classed as one of the year's biggest upsets.

"Boxing helped me when I most needed the help, and it has done the same for thousands of others. That's why I shudder at the thought that boxing should be abolished as so many people have shouted following the recent unfortunate death of Benny Paret."

CURIOUS ABOUT LISTON

In his letter to me Sir Roy asks: "Is Liston as powerful a hitter as you writers state? Can he take a punch as well as he delivers one? I read in The Ring where he is not clever. But if a heavyweight possesses a powerful punch, he can readily offset the ring cleverness of his opponent. Marciano proved that. I depended wholly on punching power to attain my place in African boxing."

On his most recent visit to New York, Welensky attended one of the Madison Square Garden shows. The following year I sat with him at one of the fights in London's Earl's Court.

His last contest was in 1928. He fought Ivan "The Iron" Duke, a burly, broad-shouldered heavyweight with a granite jaw, and knocked him out in the fourth round. The bout took place at Livingstone for the South African title. After Roy retired, he promoted a fight for the Duke to aid him financially.

Sir Roy often has remarked that his success in dealing with labor problems was brought about by techniques developed in his boxing career, "Watch shrewdly for openings, time the action properly, feint your opponent, and act quickly when you see your opening."

On November 1, 1956, when Sir Godfrey Huggins, Prime Minister, was elevated to the British Peerage and, as Lord Malvern, resigned the premiership, Sir Roy, knighted by Queen Elizabeth, stepped up from Deputy Prime Minister to the top ruling post of his native land. His biographer, Garry Allighan, commenting on this phase, writes:

"It was the dramatic culmination of a 'from log cabin to the White House story,' from slumdum to the head of a state whose area is larger than that of the British Isles, France, Holland and Germany combined."

His greatest battle was won when the British government transformed three central African Territories into a closely knit Federation. The self-government Roy had fought to obtain finally was achieved.

Winding up his letter, Sir Roy writes: "As you know, your friend Doug Miller, former South African middleweight champion who appeared in your country for half a dozen fights several years ago, is now promoting in Luanshya, in the Rhodesian copper belt, and doing well. My invitation to you to visit Salisbury, and spend a little vacation with my family, still holds."

Quite a man, Sir Roy Welensky.

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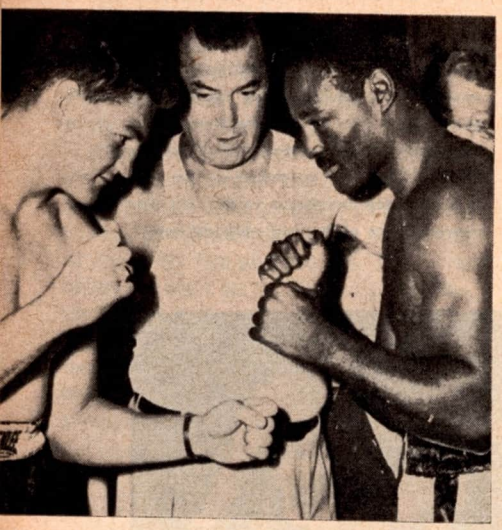

Jack Dempsey, shown posing with Rex Layne (left) and another ex-heavyweight champion, Ezzard Charles (right) before their fight which Jack refereed in Utah. Dempsey is as popular today as he was during his reign as heavyweight king, while Charles, never popular as a champion, has been forgotten by the boxing buffs.

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPS NEVER DIE

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he is doing well as representative of Coca Cola. He still retains a keen interest in boxing and is frequently assigned to refereeing posts in important bouts.

Sharkey lives a quiet life in New Hampshire, enjoying his hobbies of fishing and hunting. Occasionally, he, too, gets back into the sports limelight by refereeing fights and wrestling matches.

Carnera is a popular wrestler, who works regularly and is an outstanding attraction throughout the world.

Braddock is prospering in highway construction in New Jersey.

Next to Sullivan and Dempsey, probably the most popular of all heavyweight champions is Joe Louis. The Brown Bomber's 25 successful defenses of the title is a record that may never be approached in heavyweight competition. While in the Army during World War II, Louis twice risked his laurels in Madison Square Garden—turning his purses over to the Army and the Navy Relief Funds.

Quiet, modest and with a quaint sense of humor, Shufflin' Joe had the happy faculty of saying and doing the right things at the right moments. Few will forget his appearance at a Bond rally in Madison Square Garden during the War when he said simply but sincerely: "We'll win 'cause we're on God's side."

Louis had his own inimitable manner of expressing himself without offending his listeners. During the "war" between the rival New York managers' guilds some ten years ago, Joe was queried on his opinion of managers. "Well," he drawled, "they remind me of Freddie Guinyard." "And who is Freddie Guinyard?" he was asked. "Freddie gave me my first job," said Joe. "It was on an ice wagon in Detroit. While I hauled those heavy loads of ice up three and four flights, Freddie would stay down on the wagon and mind the horse."

Louis, the fightingest champion in all heavyweight history, has been interested in various business ventures since his retirement, and is currently a boxing promoter in Los Angeles.

Ezzard Charles, who succeeded Louis as champion, and lost the crown to Jersey Joe Walcott, is best remembered for his valiant attempt to regain it later from Rocky Marciano. At last reports, he was engaged in a business venture in Cincinnati. Walcott is a member of the Camden, N. J., police force, and spends his leisure moments in campaigns to combat juvenile delinquency. Joe also takes an occasional whirl at refereeing boxing and wrestling bouts.

Ingemar Johansson is still fighting. Recently he knocked out Dick Richardson to become European heavyweight champion. Floyd Patterson has his own special niche as the only champion, who having lost the title, regained it.

The libraries are filled with books on the careers of the various heavyweight champions. The most recent is Patterson's "Victory Over Myself."

Films based on the lives of Sullivan, Corbett and Louis have been both popular and profitable. While champion, Baer starred in a motion picture title "The Prize Fighter and the Lady," in which Carnera also had a part.

Willard, Dempsey, Tunney and Johansson all went to Hollywood and made pictures. Patterson was received at the White House by President Kennedy. From time to time, presidents have found time to chat with other champions.

Starting with Sullivan there have been only 20 champions of boxing. Their fame is secure, even in a changing world, and a Patterson will be remembered when Ray Robinson has become a few lines of type in the record book. In an era of outstanding athletic achievement, Dempsey ranked with Babe Ruth as the top sports personality.

The big title is, and has always been, the world heavyweight championship, which once won, can never be lost entirely.

Old heavyweight champions never die.

THE "I" IN BOXING

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Upon turning professional after a fabulous amateur career which included winning the Olympic light heavyweight title at Rome in 1960, Clay rated more than a mere casual mention in the nation's sports pages by announcing that he would be the heavyweight champion of the world before his 21st birthday, thereby becoming the youngest on record.

While this now has become an impossibility, it has tempered his optimism not a whit.

Openly awed by burly Sonny Liston's bulk and power at first, he now trumpets that Sonny is too arm heavy and slow to bother him. As for the rest of the heavyweights, including the champion Patterson, his confidence grows greater and is more loudly and repeatedly expressed each passing day.

Negotiations have been completed for a Clay-Archie Moore bout for Los Angeles October 23. This is a tentative date. It will be Clay's most important test, since if he wins and can outtalk the "Old Mongoose", he will have set a mark for himself. At any rate, the fight should be a most interesting one.

To the time-worn aphorism *"He travels fastest who travels alone,"* Cassius would add, *"And blows his own horn while doing it."*

"I WOULD BE COMMISSIONER"

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and trainers don't know as much about boxing as they should and so can't help a young fighter who wants to make boxing a career."

Ross then reflected back on his own career. He couldn't tell how much he grossed from his fights, but had no regrets about becoming a professional fighter.

"There were a few times when I wanted to stop and figure out what I had made, but I got sicker and sicker as I got into figures and dropped the whole idea. However, I wouldn't have traded my ring career for the presidency of the United States," he said.

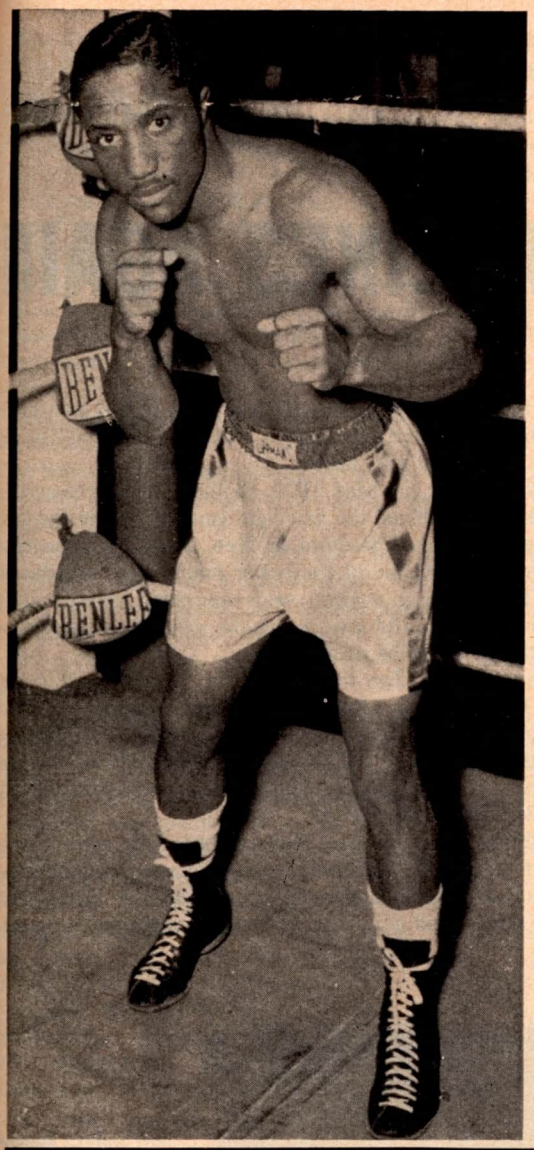
Like Ross, Pep has no regrets about his boxing career either. However, he seemed somewhat disappointed when speaking of the outcome of the "rubber" match of his three-bout series with Sandy Saddler which he thought he won. Although Saddler got the decision.

After a film on the Joe Louis-Rocky Marciano fight was shown, the former heavyweight champion was asked how he would have fared against Louis when they were both in their prime.

Rocky answered, "Joe Louis was a great fighter and an idol of mine. I would have had more satisfaction fighting Louis in his prime, and I know that a fight between Louis in his prime and me at 25 would have been a terrific fight as we both weren't quitters."

"Rocky would have been the champion in any era," added Pep.

During their professional boxing careers, Marciano, Pep and Ross showed that they were true champions inside the ring, and these three former champs exhibited the same championship class outside the ring as they literally "kayoed" the sports fans who turned out for the Moneta Recreation Club's "Night of Champions".



MAEKI FROLIC OVER

By CHARLEY PARRISH

Helsinki, Finland; (Special Ring Report). Having enjoyed a frolic here with Olli Maeki, of Finland, Davey Moore, world featherweight champion, is ready to go back to serious business and meet Cuba's Sugar Ramos, at Los Angeles.

The NBA insists that Moore defend his title soon and does not accept the Maeki affair as anything that might meet this demand.

That Moore is prepared to fight Ramos was announced by Willie Ketchum, Davey's manager, after the Maeki picnic.

Finland's first world championship bout was a short and not so merry affair for the local boxing enthusiasts. Maeki proved no match for Moore, and the American put him out of circulation at 2:31 of the second round.

The Finn had been dropped three times in that frame, and was reeling around the ring, unable to defend himself, when the imported American referee, Barney Ross, humanely intervened.

The victory marked Moore's fifth successful defense of his championship since he won it from Hogan (Kid) Bassey in Los Angeles in March, 1959.

The one-sided bout had no salubrious effects on boxing in Finland. There already was anti-boxing feeling among Finnish legislators, and the beating absorbed by Maeki may not help matters.

It was a bout that shouldn't have been arranged. There was nothing in Maeki's record to indicate he would be a fit opponent for Moore. Although he had compiled a fine amateur record, the 25-year-old Finn had engaged in only ten bouts in two years of professional competition. All but one of those bouts had been held in Finland and Sweden.

In his only jaunt away from Scandinavia, Olli had been given a boxing lesson by the Welshman, Howard Winstone, in England. Of his other matches, Maeki had won eight and drawn one, but his opposition could hardly be rated of world calibre.

Moore probably could have ended matters in the first round but he used that session to size up his opponent before going to work on him in the second. Once he settled down to business, there was nothing to it.

Eddie Cotten, highly-rated American light-heavyweight from Seattle, was an easy winner over Pekka Kokkonen, of Finland, in the semi-final.

The attendance was announced as 23,643 and the gross receipts were about $100,000. Moore received a guarantee of $35,000, plus expenses.

WORLD RATINGS

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Red Crosse, La., who dropped a split decision to world champion Carlos Ortiz in a non-title bout, advanced from 7 to 6.

Gene Gresham of Detroit and Solomon Boysaw of Cleveland, each went down one, to 9 and 10 respectively and Paolo Rosi of New York was eliminated to make way for Grant.

With Grant out of the junior welter class, Sid Prior of Australia, replaces him and is listed tenth.

The loss suffered by Love Allotey of Ghana to Floyd Robertson of the same country, dropped Love from 7 to 9 with Johnny Bizzaro of Erie, Pa., and David Floyd of Australia each up a peg to 7 and 8, respectively among the junior lightweights.

In the featherweight division Oscar Diaz of Argentina, who whipped his countryman, Roberto Palavecino, has replaced the latter in the rankings. Diaz is rated ninth with Don Johnson of Los Angeles up one notch to eighth. Alberto Serti of Italy who surprised by winning the European title from Gracieux Lamperti of France joins the elite in tenth, while Lamperti dropped from five to seven, Jet Bally of the Philippines and Danny Valdez of Los Angeles each went up one notch to fifth and sixth posts. Lino Mastellaro of Italy was removed to make way for Serti.

Inactive Johnny Caldwell of Ireland, was lowered from second to third in the bantam class, with European champion, Alphonse Halimi of France, replacing him. Freddie Gilroy of Ireland, long inactive, has dropped to tenth from his seventh post and Herman Marques of Stockton, California, up from eighth to seventh, with Carlos Hernandez of Mexico and Katsutoshi Aoki of Japan, each advanced, the former to eighth and Aoki to nine position.

Salvatore Burroni of Italy has replaced Ramon Arias of Venezuela as the number one contender among the flyweights, Arias and Burroni swapping places, the former now our second choice.

Upsets brought about a wholesale shift in the division, with Horacio Accavallo of Argentina, knockout winner over highly rated Chucho Hernandez of Mexico, advancing from ninth to sixth post, switching positions with his victim. Mimun Ben Ali of Spain, loser to Marcel Juban of the Philippines, dropped from third to sixth with Pascual Perez, still active, up from fourth to third.

Bernardo Caraballo of Columbia, winner over Ramon Arias in two contests recently, has joined the elite. He is rated fourth.

Fighting Harada of Japan, by his one-sided victory over Little Rufe, Number One contender in the Philippines, has joined the rated group in tenth position. He will face Pone Kingpetch, world champion, in a title match on October 10. Both Ray Perez of San Jose, Cal., and Olympic team contestant and Chatchai Laemfapha of Thailand, have been temporarily removed to make room for Caraballo and Harada.

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SEEN AND HEARD

By JERSEY JONES

JESS WILLARD IN HEADLINES AGAIN

THE NEWS dispatches out of Los Angeles said that Jess Willard had filed suits for a total of a million dollars against an assortment of individuals and organizations for televising films of his title-winning venture with Jack Johnson in Havana back in April, 1915.

It isn't often these days that big Jess ambles out of seclusion long enough to supply news dispensers with interesting material for their wire services. Now 80, and boxing's second oldest living ex-champion (light-heavyweight Jack Root is six years his senior), Willard has been living quietly with his wife of a half-century, Hattie, in a cozy little cottage in La Crescenta, high in the rolling suburban hills north of Los Angeles.

We've long felt that Willard has been one of the most underrated champions the heavyweight division has known. For one of his massive bulk—he measured 6 feet, 6¼ inches in altitude and at his peak scaled a solid 230 pounds—Jess was a better than average boxer, with a good left jab and a short, jolting right. Unfortunately, he lacked the personal "magnetism" usually associated with heavyweight champions. He was too methodical and not what the public calls "exciting."

Much of the glitter of Willard's victory over Johnson was dulled by Jack's later claim that he "laid down" to Jess. It was a ridiculous alibi offered by Johnson to soothe his ruffled ego.

It was a hot, stifling day in the Cuban capital, with the mercury registering above the 100-degree mark, and if Johnson intended to "blow" the title, he wouldn't have waited until the 26th round.

The fact is Jack did everything possible to win, and would have won had the bout been over the current 15-round distance. He was still ahead at the end of the 20th. His years of easy living and gallivanting around Europe eventually caught up to him, and he was "outlasted" by the superbly-conditioned, well-taught challenger. Willard had been trained to go the scheduled 45 rounds if necessary, and he paced himself accordingly. There was nothing amiss in his victory. It was scored on its merits.

WAS OVER-CONFIDENT

When Willard lost his laurels to "little" Jack Dempsey on that blistering 4th of July, 1919, on the sun-baked shores of Toledo's Maumee Bay, he was over-confident, poorly trained and ring-rusty. His only bout in four years as champion was a ten-round no-decision affair with dangerous but slow-moving Frank Moran in old Madison Square Garden early in 1916. Jess won easily.

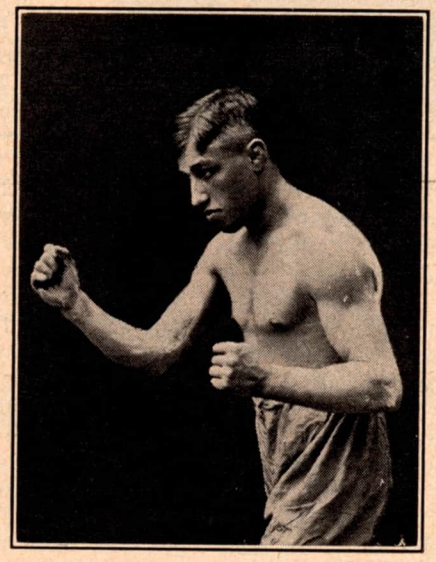
At 37, and out of the ring three years, Willard came in at a bulky 245 pounds for Dempsey, and with advantages of five inches in height, the same in reach and 58 pounds in weight, he held Manassa Jack too cheaply. What he didn't, or couldn't, realize was that the 24-year-old Dempsey, with his speed and savage punching, was particularly effective against the big, slow giants, and that the Dempsey of that holiday afternoon was, in this commentator's opinion, the most dynamic heavyweight that ever trod the resined canvas.

Too confident, Willard was not prepared for Dempsey's furious opening assault, and he was battered to the canvas seven times in that wild first round. He managed to last two more rounds, but was utterly exhausted when he "retired" in his corner at the end of the third.

Four years later, in May 1923, Willard, at 41, essayed a comeback. He headlined the first fight card offered in the then newly erected Yankee Stadium in New York. His opponent was Floyd Johnson, one of the better young heavyweights of the era. Despite his advanced years and long absence from competition, Willard did a workmanlike job of battering Johnson into defeat in eleven rounds.

Two months later, Jess was paired with Luis Angel Firpo at Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City. Willard was unable to hold off the ponderous rushes of the crude but powerful Argentino, and in the eighth round a clubbing right sent him tumbling in his own corner. Jess tried to get up but he was too weary to lift his massive bulk off the canvas.

His fighting career finished, Willard toured for a while with a circus, then tried his hand at farming, became a liquor salesman, made occasional appearances as referee at boxing and wrestling shows, and gradually drifted out of the public scene.



Joe Tiplitz, Russian-born Brooklynite, was an obscure youngster when he hit the headlines with sensational knockout of dreaded George (K.O.) Chaney in Philadelphia. That bout "made" Tiplitz, and he went on to become a busy campaigner in lightweight competition.

ANENT JOE TIPLITZ

News of the passing of Joe Tiplitz, 62, sent our thoughts drifting back through the years to the first time we saw Joe in action. It was an occasion eventful enough to be remembered.

When the Frawley law, legalizing boxing in New York, went out of existence late in 1917, there was a rush of local ringsters for other centers of ring activity. Many of them headed for New England. Tiplitz was among those who scattered elsewhere.

Joe, Russian-born Brooklynite, was an obscure kid, just 18 and a bantamweight. For a while he did some fighting in northern New Jersey clubs, and gradually drifted southward. Early in 1919, and grown into a 130-pounder, he landed in Philadelphia, then one of the liveliest fight centers in the nation. Joe had a couple of minor bouts there, then asked Phil Glassman to manage him. Phil was busy handling Lew Tendler, but decided to find out in a hurry if the Brooklyn youngster was worth bothering with.

George (K.O.) Chaney, the Baltimore southpaw with the deadly punch and fragile chin, had just been knocked out by Tendler. Claiming it was an accident, Chaney was yelling for a return match. Glassman agreed to accommodate him—if he whipped Tiplitz.

Promoters Bobby Gunnis and Herman (Muggsy) Taylor were arranging an all-star card for outdoor Shibe Park. In those days bouts in Philadelphia were limited to six rounds, no decision, and four or five topline attractions on one card were the usual thing.

Three matches were already set. They paired Tendler with Joe Welling, Harry Greb with Battling Levinsky, and Ted (Kid) Lewis with Steve Latzo. The card was completed when Chaney and Tiplitz were booked for the opening number.

We recall the bout as vividly as though it happened yesterday.

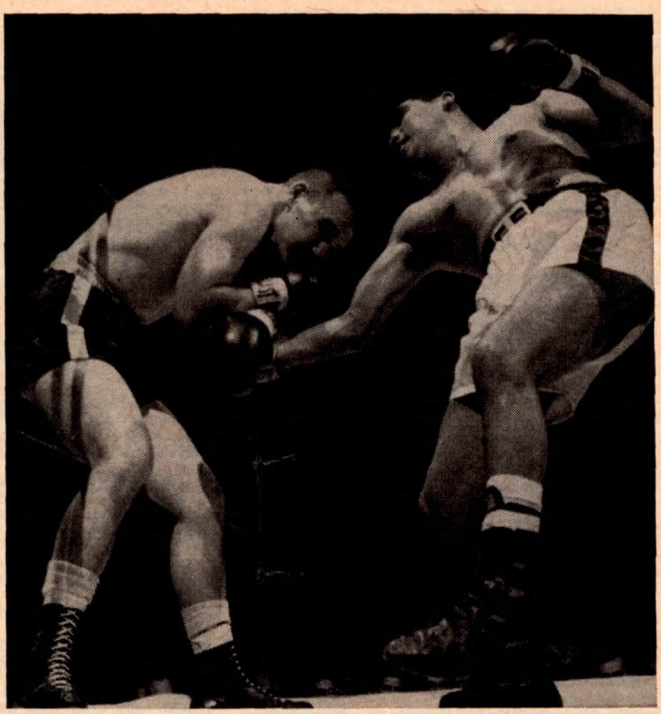
Tiplitz was understandably nervous as he awaited the opening bell. It was a tough spot for a kid not yet 20 fighting his first "name" opponent—and a dangerous one. There weren't many good 'uns willing to take chances with the lusty-belting Chaney—and this was the bout Glassman was using to determine whether or not Tiplitz was worth bothering with!

When the bout started, Joe began scampering around the ring like a frightened jack-rabbit. For two rounds Chaney chased but couldn't catch him.

Midway through the third, the Baltimorean finally cornered his elusive prey. Tiplitz was trapped. As Chaney closed in, Joe looked frantically for an avenue of escape. In desperation, he made a sudden dash to his right, along the ropes, covering his retreat by throwing a wild left at Chaney. Reaching the next corner, Tiplitz paused, turned and was dumfounded to see Chaney face down on the canvas, knocked out! That wild left had caught him flush on his not too rugged chin.

The sensational development "made" Tiplitz. He became an exciting slugger and popular attraction throughout the nation. He never attained championship status, but for several years he was a busy campaigner, swapping punches with such headliners as Johnny Dundee, Richie Mitchell, Chaney again (Joe was beaten in the return), Joe Benjamin, Pete Hartley, Pal Moran, Bobby Barrett, Ray Pryel, Jack Zivic, Johnny Mendelsohn, and, after he left Glassman's managerial wing, his former stablemate, Tendler.

Failing vision prompted Tiplitz's retirement in 1925. Eventually he became blind, but in recent years had operated a newsstand at 9th Avenue and 34th Street in New York.



Don Fullmer covers up as free-swinging Rocky Rivero unleashes desperate last round assault in Madison Square Garden. Argentine middleweight was too late with his rally, however, and Gene's younger brother won split decision.

THESE AND THOSE

An unusual development was reported over a recent weekend when British Empire – pardon, British Commonwealth of Nations – title bouts were held in Ghana and Jamaica. Both the West African land and the West Indian island have had Empire champions, but until now they've done their title winning, and losing, in the British Isles. These were the first championship outings staged in native bailiwicks. In the Ghanaian capital of Accra, Floyd Robertson retained his Empire featherweight laurels against a fellow-countryman, Love Allotey, while in the Jamaican metropolis of Kingston, local Bunny Grant relieved the visting Englishman, Dave Charnley, of the Empire lightweight title.

Jack Barrett is displaying Denver newspaper accounts to show that Zora Folley's decision over Doug Jones was not too popular with a goodly assortment of the onlookers.

With Dick Tiger's twice-postponed bout with Gene Fullmer for the National Boxing Association middleweight title now scheduled for mid-October in San Francisco, another ambitious Nigerian is howling for a chance at a world championship. He is featherweight Joe (Rafiu) King, who's been campaigning with outstanding success in Europe. King, currently rated No. 2 contender in The Ring's world featherweight listings, would like to meet No. 1, Sugar Ramos of Cuba, in an elimination bout to determine Champion Davey Moore's challenger. This could be a fine attraction for Madison Square Garden to offer for national TV. Not only would the match produce a natural opponent for Moore, but it could go a long way toward reviving interest in the now rather anemic featherweight division.

Writing of Jess Willard reminds us that, with the exception of Bax Baer, who died of a heart attack at the age of 50, two years ago, every heavyweight champion from Willard on is still alive. They are Dempsey, 67; Gene Tunney, 64; Max Schmeling, 57; Jack Sharkey, 60; Primo Carnera, 56; Jim Braddock, 56; Joe Louis, 48; Ezzard Charles 41; Jersey Joe Walcott, 48; Rocky Marciano, 39; Ingemar Johansson, 30, and Floyd Patterson, 27. Those who've retired from the ring are still active in various enterprises and generally doing well for themselves. A pretty fair argument to combat the claims of anti-boxing elements that leather-tossing is a "brutal" trade and fighters usually wind up "broken physical hulks and mental wrecks."

NEW YORK RESULTS OF THE MONTH:

Piling up a lead in the early rounds and staving off his opponent's strong rally in the closing sessions, Don Fullmer, 160½, West Jordan, Utah, edged out a split 2-1 decision over free-swinging Juan (Rocky) Rivero, 160, Argentina, in a TV ten in Madison Square Garden.

Fullmer, with an awkwardly clever style patterned after brother Gene's, had the better of the first four rounds. He checked Rivero's wide-open, bull-like rushes with left jabs to the head and scored with two-handed combinations to the head and body.

The fortunes of battle began to shift in the fifth. Until then, Rivero had been "head-hunting" and missing five swings to every one that landed. Now he switched his attack to the body and began to produce results. He had the better of the fifth and sixth but slowed down in the next two frames, Fullmer again taking charge of operations. Realizing he needed a knockout to win, Rivero piled in with desperate assaults in the ninth and tenth that had Fullmer running and clinching, but the Argentino's rally came too late to influence two of the judges, Referee Jimmy Devlin and Judge Joe Agnello both tabbing Fullmer the winner by 6-4 counts. The other judge, Al Berl, had the rounds even, 5-5, but gave Rivero a 6-5 margin in points.

The semi-final, scheduled for ten, ended at 2:14 of the eighth, Billy Collins, 146½, Detroit, polishing off Tony Fortunato, 151, Bronx. A six also was abbreviated, Paul Johnson, 172¾, Harlem, halting Jimmy Dupree, 171, West Side, at 0:41 of the second. In fours, Danny Garcia, 148½, Dominican Republic, outfought Jimmy Dorsey, 145, Atlanta, Ga., and Tommy Haynes, 150¼, West Side, won from Willie Laws, 146¾, Trenton, N.J.

Estimated attendance and receipts: 1,500 and $2,500.

A likely future contender for the world middleweight title was uncovered when Wilbert McClure, 158¼, Toledo, Ohio, currently in the U.S. Army at Camp Drum, N.Y., gave Farid Salim, 160, Argentina, an artistic boxing lesson in a TV ten in Madison Square Garden.

It was McClure's tenth bout as a professional, and his first beyond six rounds. The Ohioan, however, had had an extensive amateur career, embracing some 150 bouts, and among the many titles he had collected was the junior middleweight at the 1960 Olympics in Rome.

A graduate of the University of Toledo, 23-year-old McClure demonstrated why he had earned a B.A. degree in physical education. He tossed some real education into Salim. The Argentino, who had shaped up so well in previous New York appearances with Ted Wright, Yama Bahama and Joey Giambra, was a clumsy, futile operative against the stylish boxing and snappy sharpshooting of the Ohioan. McClure punched with such speedy combinations that at times he hit Salim four, five and six blows without a return. Salim ended up with a deep gash over his left eye which required ten stitches.

Avenging a decision loss in the same ring six weeks before, Rubin Carter, 156½, Paterson, N.J., demolished Ernie Burford, 154¾, Memphis, Tenn., at 2:17 of the second of a scheduled semi-final ten. Carter blasted Burford to the canvas three times in that session, automatically ending the carnage.

Dave Russell, 171¾, Uniondale, L.I., halted Billy Ryan, 174½, Lowell, Mass., at 1:41 of the second of a scheduled six. In fours, Charley Montgomery, 157½, Newark, N.J., drew with Tommy Settles, 158½, Jamaica, L.I.; Felix Santiago, 158, Puerto Rico, decisioned Jimmy McMillan, 159¼, Bronx, and Andy Brooks, 157½, Paterson, outfought Neely Welch, 161, Bronx.

The turnout looked "normal"—1,500 with receipts about $2,500.

IN LATIN AMERICA

TORRES PUERTO RICAN CHAMP

PUNCHING IN PUERTO RICO

By Mario Rivera

Jose Torres scored the most impressive and possibly the most important victory of his career when he scored a clean knockout in 2:52 of the seventh of a scheduled 12 rounder over Obdulio Nunez, to win the middleweight championship of Puerto Rico.

Some doubt was placed over the possibility of Torres taking over Nunez due to the poor calibre of many of his previous opponents and because of his lackluster performance against the late Benny "Kid" Paret in his only previous bout here in San Juan. He dispelled these doubts however in the very first round when he scored effectively with lunging left hooks "a la Patterson" to take the first heat.

Nunez was not one to be denied and rallied strongly at the close of the second round to win it with a two fisted barrage. Torres stepped up his pace in the third and fourth heat to take them and although Nunez scored his best blow of the fight in the fifth, a right cross to the jaw, he finished the round with a puffed right eye, the result of Jose's heavier blows.

In the sixth Nunez was staggered for the first time in the bout by hard rights to the jaw and began to show a little more respect for his opponent's punching prowess.

In the fatal seventh, Nunez seemed to be holding his own when lighting suddenly struck in the form of a hard right to the jaw that sent him down, first on the seat of his pants and then flat on his back where he was counted out. He was out for several minutes and required medical attention.

In the semi-final bout listed for twelve rounds and also a titular affair, former National Golden Glove champion Luis Figueroa won the featherweight championship of Puerto Rico from Pete Martin Jr. when his opponent was unable to answer the bell for the tenth round.

This was a case of Martin running out of gas. It was a surprise ending, considering that Martin had won the first six rounds without much difficulty. He outboxed his stocky opponent, peppering him with left jabs and always keeping him at a safe distance while Figueroa was missing considerably.

Bantamweight Natalio Jimenez, Santo Domingo, and Cano Marrero, Puerto Rico, had the crowd on its feet for the duration of their six round bout with Jimenez winning a nip and tuck affair. Local featherweight Jose A. Santos scored a four round decision over Felix Fernandez of Santo Domingo.

In the opening four Juan Jose Llanos outpointed Alexander Gordon; they are bantamweights.

The gross gate on the Torres-Nunez fight was $17,207.50. There is no question as to Torres' drawing power. The last bout here that hit around that figure was the Torres-Paret bout two years ago.

The elimination tournament has terminated and the official champions of Puerto Rico are the following:—Flyweight, title vacant; Bantamweight, Pete Martin Jr.; Featherweight, Luis Figueroa; Lightweight, Daniel Berrios; Welterweight, title vacant; Middleweight, Jose L. Torres. No champions have been proclaimed in fly, light-heavy and heavy divisions due to lack of competition in these weights.

The most popular of the champions has been Daniel Berrios, the lightweight title holder. Although he is not a hard hitter, Daniel is fast and clever and holds a decision over Tommy Tibbs. He has been very active and is responsible for keeping boxing here on its feet due to his continuous activity, and fine performances.

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RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY

By Selsso Tiborro

During July, three imported boxers were seen in action here against local talent. They were Eddie Garcia, who lost to Jose Luis Cruz; Ultiminio Ramos, who defeated Baby Vazquez and Mantequilla Nápoles, who finished Enrique Camarena in two rounds.

Victorio Guzman, 135, kayoed Juan Leyva, 134, in 3. Polo Navarro, 119, outscored Rolando Martinez, 119, in 8. Nicolas Ruiz, 134, decisioned Ismael Delgadillo, 136, in 6. Raul Rodriguez, 135, stopped Sargento Ruiz, 130, in 1. Hiluario Alva, 135, drew with Ghamaco Ramos, 135 in 4.

Jose Luis Cruz, 135, kayoed Eddie Garcia, 135, Denver, Colorado, in 2. Pachuco Reyes, 132, stopped Gabriel Navarro, 133, in 2. Rodolfo Martinez, 148, kayoed Loco Medellin, 147, in 1. Mario Gonzalez, 111, outpointed Alfonso Batalla, 112, in 6. Alfredo Escobar, 111, stopped Alfredo Hernandez, 111, in the fourth and last round.

Cordoba Rodriguez, 136, stopped Chato Cadena, 134, in 10. Jose Santos, 116, won Chamaco Huesca, 118, by disqualification, in 3. Raul Vega, kayoed David Alcaraz, 115, in 1. Miguel Gonzalez, 126, stopped Benito Aguila, 125, in 3. Juan Frutos, 134, stopped Enrique Juarez, 133, in 3.

Ultiminio Ramos, 133, Cuban, world's number one rated feather, decisioned Baby Vazquez, 133, national feather champ in 10. Jose Aparicio, 125, kayoed Jose Jimenez, 126, in 5. Carlos Lopez, 126, stopped Pepe Silva, 125, in 3. Humberto Valencia, 112, outpointed Alfonso Cazares, 112, in 6.

Adalberto Martinez, 118, stopped Gregorio Sanchez, 118, in 3. Panchito Ramirez, 125, kayoed Geronimo Plata, 124, in 2. Chocolate Guadarrama, 112, decisioned Ernesto Melgoza, 111, in 6. Serafin Morales, 125, outscored Fernando Garcia, 124, in 5.

Jose Napoles, 134, a boy from Cuba who is very promising, needed only two rounds to dispose of local boy, Enrique Camarena, 135, Memo Vega, 118, stopped Gallito II, 119, in 4. Hipolito Hernandez 125, and Juan Salazar, 124, drew in 6. Pelaeio Perez, 120, outpointed Luis Gutierrez, 119, in 6. Alfredo Meneses, 119, decisioned Filemón Martinez, 119, in 4.

Cisco Martinez, (formerly Cisco Kid), kayoed Evaristo Ramos, 145, Honduras' welter champ, in 7. Panchito Espinosa, 125, decisioned Jose Barrera 125, in 8. Carlos Navarrete, 117, stopped Javier Lajero, 118, in 6. Joaquin Velazquez, 126, kayoed Jaime Toscano, 125, in 4. Joaquin Sanchez, 118, stopped Eduardo Flores, 119, in 3.

Fidel Alfaro, 112, decisioned Ernesto Barrera, 113, in a close fight in 10. Gabi Beltran, 112, won the decision over Goyo Torres, 113, by disqualification, in 3. Rodolfo Martinez, 147, stopped Elias Valencia, 149, in 1. Andres Molina, 112, defeated Ramiro Garcia, 112, by disqualification, in 5. Andres Bello, 127, knocked out Chano Gomez, 125, in 2.

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LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCES

By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

ONLY ONE BOXING SHOW was staged in this territory during the past month. The local promoters were working on the Carlos Rios-Mauro Vazquez match but the Mexico City promoter got that fight for his own Arena "Mexico". So, the Dipp Bros. lost that special show.

ARENA "OLIMPICA", Gomez Palacio. Sensational hitter Javier "Sugar" Zatarain, 126, easily kayoed brave veteran Santiago "Cain' Rogero, 124, in the fourth round. Cain gave fine account of himself, but Zatarain had too much youth for the gallant veteran.

Raul Anchondo, 138, Chihuahua bronco boy, surprised the fans when he kayoed young Agustin Salinas, 133, in the sixth heat in the semi-final. Before the finish Salinas was well ahead.

Tony Gallegos, 120, stopped Roberto Rivas, 122, in the fourth; Manuel Flores, 112, local prospect, whipped Salvador Chong, 110, in six rounds; Refugio Rodriguez, 138, kayoed Roberto Varela, 139, in the second round.

THE PROVINCES

MEXICALI:—"Pollo" Morales, 125, put to sleep Alex Benitez, 126, in the eighth round.

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ:—"Casanovita" Estrada, 113, bested Jesus "Chucho" Hernandez, 110, in ten rounds. "Chamaco" Peralta, 118, Mexico City, decisioned Isabel Cuervo, 117, in the 8-round semi-final.

TIJUANA:—"Gorila" Lopez, 136, Jalisco veteran, got the duke over Santos Castañeda, 134, ten rounds. Gabriel Brambila, 130, decisioned "Chato" Espinosa, 127, also in ten.

ACUNA:—Miguel "Mocho" Hernandez, 127, Monterrey, kayoed Edmundo Montes, 130, in only three heats.

AGUA PRIETA:—Gasper "Indio" Ortega, 147, kayoed Camilo Flores, 145, in the sixth round. Rocky Proaño, 158, stopped Ignacio "Indio" Lopez, 160, in three heats.

TIJUANA:—Jose "Potrillo" Lopez, 122, whipped Roberto Luna, 124, in ten rounds. Baby Huerta, 121, kayoed "Zurdo" Ramos, 125, in the third round.

MONCLOVA:—Gregorio Ceniceros "Puños de Oro", 147, scored a 10-round unanimous decision over David Cervantes, 145. Juan Jasso, 122, beat Bobby Rios, 124, in ten heats.

CUERNAVACA:—"Cubanito" Avila, 125, Pachuca, decisioned "Chano" Gomez, 126, in ten. "Yaco" Martinez, 118, whipped Chon Hernandez, 117, in other ten.

VILLAHERMOSA:—Jose "Negrito" Dominguez, 118, kayoed Jesus "Chucho" Hernandez, 114, Chiapas, in the ninth round. "Aguilucho" Hernandez, 143, bested Ramon Perez, 145, in ten.

JUAREZ:—Rudy Corona, 120, Sonora, decisioned Angel Ley, 123, Mexico City, in ten. Raul Garcia, 132, Mexico City, kayoed Juan Rodriguez, 135, in the tenth round. Rogelio Reyes, 122, stopped Martin Sandoval, 123, in four.

TAMPICO:—Julio Moreno, 118, kayoed "Pajaro" Gonzalez, 118, in the seventh round and won the Tamaulipas State Bantamweight Championship. Gonzalez visited the canvas twice before the finish. Kid Suave, 138, stopped Vicente Piñon, 139, in the sixth round.

OAXACA:—Genaro Gonzalez, 127, local hard puncher, put to sleep Juan Zavala, 127, in the sixth heat. Lorenzo Lopez, 113, beat Wilfrido Cruz, 111, in 10 rounds.

AGUA PRIETA:—Arnoldo "Young" Valenzuela, 160, and Nicolas Acevedo, 158, drew in ten rounds. Julio "Kid" Ramos, 126, scored a 5-round technical draw with Kid Bachomo, 127.

MONTERREY:—Clever boxer Efren Jimenez, 126, scored a 10-round decision over veteran Joey Reyes, 125, Chihuahua. Chebo Salazar, 125, La Laguna, kayoed Jose Luis Ramos, 126, in fourth round.

GUADALAJARA:—Rip Randall, 145, Texas high ranked man, kayoed Gildo "Paton" Montoya, 147, in two. The Texan floored his foe three times. In the semi-final, Ramon "Texano" Hurtado, 146, kayoed Salvador Vera, 144, in the third round.

ACAPULCO:—"Charro" Gomez, 125, halted Avelino Felix, 124, in the third round. Gil Escobar, 124, whipped Arturo Merlos, 125, in the 8-round semi-final match.

GUADALAJARA:—Local idol Moi Torres, 125, kayoed Hector "Shorty" Agundez, 119, in three. Rodolfo Gonzalez, 118, bested Alfredo Sanchez, 119, in ten.

MONTERREY:—Jim Pettaway, 129, Toledo, Ohio, decisioned "Gallito" Gonzalez, 130, in ten. "Raton" Silva, 111, defeated Chuy Rocha, 110, in other ten.

OAXACA:—Pancho Rios, 132, Sonora, outpointed Vicente "Pichon" Ramirez, 130, in ten. "Llanero" Anaya, 130, fought a 7-round no contest with veteran Caro Bibi, 127. Alfredo Urbina, the National Lightweight Champion, was the referee.

NUEVO LAREDO:—Bussy veteran Rigo Guadarrama "Queretaro Kid", 128, halted Hector Esqueda, 130, Monterrey, in the sixth "Bolerito" Padilla, 125, kayoed Lorenzo Reyes, 124, in the ninth.

CUERNAVACA:—Filiberto "Fili" Nava, 135, Mexico City veteran, put to sleep local idol Inocencio "Ino" Colin, 136, in the ninth round. "Yaco" Martinez, 118, kayoed Gregorio Cruz, 117, in two.

TIJUANA:—Florencio S. Olpiendo "Danny Kid", 125, Philipino veteran, easily outpointed Licho Guerrero, 126, in ten. Daniel Valdez, 125, bested Babe Huerta, 124, in the 10-round semi-final.

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ:—Gabriel "Gaby" Beltran, 117, Mexico City, kayoed "Pollito" Lara, 115, in four. Chucho Hernandez, 111, Chiapas, stopped Carlos "Baby" Acuña, 112, in the fifth.

ACUNA:—Miguel Hernandez, 126, Monterrey, kayoed Tony Vazquez, 127, Tampico, in the seventh round.

JUAREZ:—Manny Barrios, 124, upset Evaristo "Cuervo" Salinas, 118, in ten. Facundo "Pantenita" Jacome, 132, stopped Gregorio "Goyo" Flores, 130, La Laguna, in the sixth. "Gallito" Perez, 117, halted Fabian Esquivel, 116, in the eighth.

JUCHITAN:—Raciel Mendoza, 123, outscored veteran Nacho Escalante, 120, in ten rounds.

TAMPICO:—Raul Barcelo, 120, stopped "Pulga" Garcia, 118, Reynosa, in two. Tomas Guevara, 117, kayoed "Gallito" Uribe, 115, Reynosa, in three.

GUADALAJARA:—"Chilo" Barranco, 126, Veracruz Feather Champ, scored a split 10-round decision over Cuban "Chico" Veliz, 126. Anselmo Hernandez, 125, bested Ramon Leon, 127, also in ten rounds.

MONTERREY:—Manuel Alvarez, 134, Argentina, S.A., easily outscored rugged Ramon "Bobby" Cervantes, 136, La Laguna, in ten. Eulalio Martinez, 126, defeated Juan Perales, 125, in 10.

NUEVO LAREDO:—Jesus "Chuy" Pruneda, 119, halted Sabino Mendez, 120, in the seventh round. Jose de la Cerda, 135, put to sleep Jesus Caceres, 133, in the first heat.

ACAPULCO:—"Zorro" Castañon, 119, kayoed "Chatito" Ochoa, 118, Colima, in the second round. Luis Dominguez, 118, whipped "Aztequita Morelense", 116, in eight rounds.

SABINAS:—Veteran Humberto Martinez "Kid Anahuac", 135, was awarded a 10-round decision over rugged Claudio "Lobito" Adame, 136. The fans booed the verdict.

ORIZABA:—Eloy Sanchez, 125, Mexico City, kayoed Casareo Castillo, 126, in two.

JUAREZ:—Gasper "Indio" Ortega, 147, scored a 10-round unanimous decision over Charlie "Tombstone" Smith, 146, California veteran, who visited the canvas once for a short count. Freddie Rodriguez, 126, needed only one round to put to sleep Jorge Valazquez, 125.

MONTERREY:—Julio Moreno, 119, Tampico Champ, kayoed Teo Sandoval, 118, in the sixth. Chebo Salazar, 125, La Laguna, beat Arturo Lira, 126, in the 10 round semi-final match.

NUEVO LAREDO:—Glamour frontier boy, Ruben Rivera, 140, easily whipped Ramon "Texano" Hurtado, 144, in ten.

GUADALAJARA:—"Chocolate" Zambrano, 121, defeated Marceliano Diaz, 118, Mexico City, in ten. Jorge Rosales, 135, kayoed Antonio "Babe" Reyes, 136, in the last round of their scheduled 10-round semi-final.

SAN LUIS POTOSI:—Rafael Torres, 115, Mexico City, decisioned Jose "Tecuajo" Salas, 116, in ten fast rounds.

ACAPULCO:—Arturo Astudillo, 136, bested Adolfo Olguin, 135, Pachuca, in ten rounds. Felix Hernandez, 119, kayoed "Torito" Navarrete, 117, in the third.

CHIHUAHUA:—Ismael Gutierrez, 115, stopped Polin Ramirez, 114, in the seventh round. Polo Navarro, 117, Mexico City, kayoed Rodolfo Rivera, 118, also in seven rounds.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By Juan W. Copeland

Killer Solomon, the Jamaican who has been making his home in Panama the past few years was beaten on a disputed decision by Nelson Estrada in Venezuela last month, but came back to knockout Euro Partides in seven rounds. Euro had beaten Solomon in their first meeting.

ARENA COLON, Louis Craig promoter . . . Undefeated Ismael Laguna, 122, proved his right to the RING's number four post among the bantamweights as he battered his way to a six round kayo triumph over highly regarded Jorge (Baby) Salazar, 118¾, Mexico City before a large crowd. The referee called a halt after 2:35 of the round to save Salazar from further punishment.

A riot broke out following the verdict in the semi-final sixer, that saw Roberto Truco, 125, over the veteran Black Bill, 125. Bottles and chairs were thrown into the ring by the crowd and it took the police to restore order.

In other bouts, Justiniano Aguilar, 125¾ scored another kayo as he flattened Sal Melendez, 129, in only ten seconds of the second round and Visitaction Caceres, 117¼, kayoed Esteban Quiros, 112, in the opening round scoring three knockdowns.

BOXING IN ARGENTINA
By Simon Bronenberg and Alfredo Porzio

ROSARIO.—At the Norte ring, undefeated lightweight Juan C. Unzuga outpointed José Casas in 10.—René Lambloglio whipped Roberto Matos in 6. They are middles.—

CORDOBA.—South American lightweight champion Jaime Giné, draw in 10 with Tristán Falfan; featherweight Ernesto Martinsen won by a T.K.O. in 6 over Efren Veloso and Francisco Olea won by a T.K.O. in 2 over Juan Luna in the middle class.

MENDOZA.—Argentine light champion Nicolino Locche whipped Humberto Barbatto in 10 in a non-title bout.—

Ernesto Miranda, Argentina flyweight who, following a successful European tour, traveled to Thailand where he defeated Chatchai Lamfapha to gain a place among the top ten in the RING'S international rankings.

SANTA FE.—In the middle class, Roberto Chetta outpointed in 10 Luis Aranda, Argentine representative in the welter weight class in the Olympic Games of Rome.—

BAHIA BLANCA.—In the feather weight, Oscar Vargas and Carlos Cappella, drew in 10.—

LA PLATA.—Undefeated middleweight Antonio Aguilar won by a T.K.O. in 8, over Carlos Paiva.—

SAN FRANCISCO (Córdoba).—In the welter weight, José Lemos outpointed Juan C. Gomez in 10.—

BUENOS AIRES.—At the Luna Park ring, in the fly weight, Carlos Rodriguez ex-Argentine fly champion, drew in 10 in a good fight with "Chucho" Hernandez from México.—

COMODORO RIVADAVIA.—In the middle división, Anibal Rojas kayoed in sixth round Oliverio Silva.—

ROSARIO.—At the "Norte" ring in the middle class, Miguel Saliadarre drew in 10 with Miguel Angel Aguero.—

SANTA FE.—Carlos Clemente outpointed Tomas Echague in 10.—They are lightweights.—

CORDOBA.—At the Cordoba Sport Club ring, Vicente Derado outpointed Pedro Benelli in 10.

MENDOZA.—In the middle class, Francisco Sotelo won by a T.K.O. in nine over Narciso Paez.—

BAHIA BLANCA.—Francisco Serón, in the light class, kayoed Alfredo Miranda in the first round.—

BUENOS AIRES.—For the Argentine feather title, Oscar "Cachin" Diaz outpointed Roberto Palavecino in 12 rounds. It was an intensely fought contest.—

TUCUMAN.—In the welterweight division, Abel White outpointed Raul Ibarra in 6 and at the same weight, Ramón La Cruz drew in 10 with Juan C. Velardez 2.—

ROSARIO.—At the Norte ring in the flyweight. Osvaldo Perez and Julio Romero drew in 10.—

CORDOBA.—Ramón Prieto outpointed Luis Andrade in 10. They are lightweights.—

MENDOZA.—Undefeated bantamweight Silverio Aguero whipped Luis Diaz.—

BARIA BLANCA.—In the middleweight class, Andre Selpa, ex-Argentina and South American middle Champion outpointed Hugo Danielli in 10.

BUENOS AIRES.—Argentina and South American fly champion, Horacio Accavallo won by a T.K.O. in the 9th round over Jesús "Chucho" Hernandez, from Mexico. Hernandez's second threw the towel into the ring.—

BAHIA BLANCA.—In the welterweight, Sarlos Diaz kayoed Francisco Serón in the seventh.—

ROSARIO.—At the "Norte" Ring, lightweight Félix Ramos drew in 10 with Aldo Gomez.—

BUENOS AIRES.—Argentine and South American champion, Luis Federico Thompson whipped hard puncher Emilio Alé Alí at the Luna Park ring in 10. Thompson won easily in a good fight.—

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

Boxing Slump Hits California

Boxing took a big drop in California during the month, with only a few contests staged, one of which, the Cassius Clay vs. Alejandro Lavorante, stood out as the feature attraction, with the Jorge Gonzalez vs. Dommy Felicia next in line. The story of the Clay fight is listed as a separate article elsewhere in this issue. Clay's knockout victory in the fifth round, one he had predicted, brought him considerable favorable comment in the Coast newspapers.

▸ **In the preliminaries of the Clay-Lavorante card,** Vince Rosiano, 189, decisioned Bob Brown, 176; Jimmy Harryman, 192, kayoed Eddie Foster, 200, in the fifth round; Eddie Jackson, 200, kayoed Otis Fuller, 186, in three and Sam Wyatt, 183, drew with Wilhelm Van Homborg, 190, in four.

▸ Every sports columnist in Los Angeles gave Clay, the Olympic champion, a plug. He's the most talkative, loquacious heavyweight since Jack Sharkey, the Garralous Gob.

▸ A cut over the left eye forced Nacho Mendoza out of action and gave Frankie Duarte an eighth round technical knockout victory in the Kezar Pavilion, San Francisco. Mendoza, making his first start in Northern California, tried gamely but was no match for his rugged opponent. Other than in the third round, Duarte had the upper hand throughout. He weighed 123½ to 120 for Mendoza.

Golden Gloves and Air Force middleweight champion, Dean Harrison, 156½, banged out a decision over Jimmy Blair, 157, of Sacramento, in six rounds. This was a rematch of a bout staged two weeks before which Harrison also won by a decision.

Joe Byron, 177, and Jo Jo Shelton, 178, fought a tough six rounder which Byron won. Lavelle Franklin, 139, a Golden Gloves graduate, made his pro debut and stopped Al Lewis, 136 in the second round after dropping Al twice.

▸ Jorge (Pajaro) Gonzalez, 125, Guadalajara, scored his fifth straight knockout at Strelich Stadium, Bakersfield, sending Dommy Felicia, Manila, P.I., also 125, in the 8th round of a scheduled ten-spot. It was the first time Felicia, now making his home in Stockton, had ever been stopped. Referee Yenzo Latka halted the bout because of a deep cut over Felicia's left eye. It was the 5th straight K.O. victory for Gonzales.

In the semi-final, a six-rounder, Billy Wagoner boxed a draw with Tommy Johnson, Dallas. They are welters.

Another six, which appealed to the thousand cash customers, saw Al Azevedo, 149, Bakersfield, trounce Bobby Pancho, 143½. The net gate was $2,565.

▸ Quite a few of the 5,169 cash cutomers on hand at the plush Las Vegas Convention Center, were from Los Angeles: the attraction, Emile Griffith vs Ralph Dupas, and at stake was the world welterweight championship.

Not to keep you in suspense: Griffith won.

▸ Although the weekly shows have been comparatively few and far between, gross receipts for 1962 have been over the same date last week, chiefly because the Olympic's two best promotions this year were staged at the big, plush Sports Arena.

Moore and Alejandro Lavorante drew $122,667 on March 30th; and Cassius Loose-lip and Lavorante drew $70,887 on July 20th.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch:

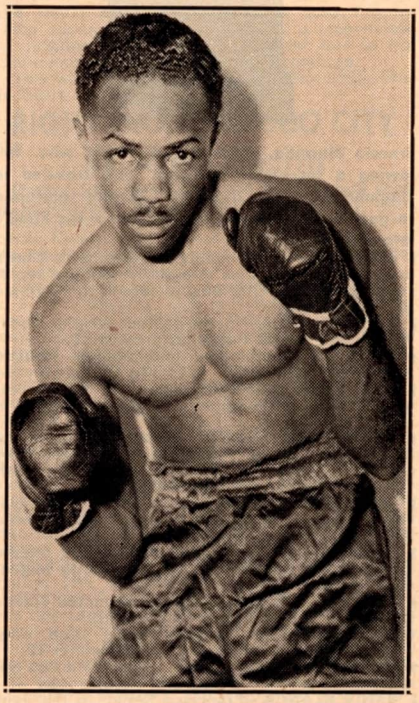
The John Horn-Joe Louis combo staged three shows at the Sports Arena.

The Machen-Clay-Dupas show drew $41,165 April 23rd. Archie Moore and Willie Pastrano drew $37,000 on May 28th. And the Sugar Ray-Phil Moyer, Davey Moore Diaz show July 9th attracted $30,000.

So what's the moaning and groaning about?

Simply this: the three Horn-Louis shows were losing propositions, and entitles anyone to moan and groan.

▸ Early in 1947—January 6th, to be exact—there was a startling upset up in San Francisco. Manuel Ortiz, who had won the world bantam crown in



Harold Dade, as he looked when he held the bantamweight title in 1947. Harold died in Los Angeles after a long illness.

1942 from Lou Salica, was dethroned by a 10 to 1 underdog named Harold Dade: this, after Ortiz had defended that honor about 14 or 15 times.

Dade was a soft-spoken, polite and well-liked youngster; he had caught Ortiz unaware and unprepared. They were rematched two months later at the Olympic Auditorium, L.A., and this time Ortiz won the duke and regained the title.

(In the fall of 1947, ex-champion Dade flew to Manila for a couple of fights: Speedy Cabanella and Star Navan. Gus Wilson, Dade's manager, asked me to take the trip, a task which appealed to me very much, for I had lived in Manila in 1919-20-21, served as sports editor of the Daily BULLETIN there. To return, after an absence of 26 years was most welcome; I was wined and dined by some of the old-timers who still remembered me. Or said they did.)

On July 18th, this year, Harold Dade died at Wadsworth Veterans Hospital—he had served with the marines in 1944—cause of death, pneumonia. He was buried in Chicago, his birthplace. Green be the grass above him!

▸ "William (Bing) Conley, 63, actor and one-time New England middleweight boxing champion, died Tuesday morning of a heart attack at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital."

That's how the newspaper carried the story. Bing Conley was well known in the mid-Twenties: if you'll look up the record book, you'll find that he boxed Paul Berlenbach, former light-heavy champ, on July 18, 1927; and Tiger Flowers, former middleweight boss, on July 28, 1927—ten days apart. True, Bing dropped the decision to both—but so did many, many other good fighting men.

I was one of a group who attended his funeral; others, included Tommy Farmer, Doc Casey, Frank Moran, Joe Stone, Tommy Herman, Wally Rose,—to name a few. One thing we all had in common: affection and respect for a true friend. May he rest in peace.

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▸ With the Olympic dark for several weeks, local fistic aficionados had to depend on Santa Monica Civic Auditorium for their sluggatory—and you won't find that word in the dictionary.

Sonny Gill, 157½, won the ten-round decision over Hugo Medina, Argentina, 159½ in the main event. Medina came here claiming the South American title, with a record of 56 wins in 68 fights, despite the fact that Nat Fleischer doesn't even honor him with recognition. (How-come, Nat?) Anyway, Hugo was licked.

On hand, about 1700. Mr. Medina did admit that one of his fights was a 9-round kayo at the hands of Mauro Mina "last year." I looked it up. Mina, No. 3 of the top ten light-heavies, DID flatten one Hector Medina in 1959.

In the six-round semi, Luis Perez, 129, tallied his 13th straight knockout over Gino Hernandez, 127. Other bouts: Lee Turner, 172, scored a 4th round TKO over Larry McGee, 169; and Tony Forte, 156, drew with Mel Richardson, 156, (4).

ARK-LA-TEX JABS—
By Bill McIntyre

MARATHON MAULERS—Approximately 500 ringsiders turned out to witness the fourth annual edition of the Tri-States Silver Gloves Amateur Boxing Tournament at Shreveport's Municipal Auditorium. And they were treated to a bargain belting bill, 29 battles in one night—14 ending in knockouts—and the swingfest lasting for almost four hours.

After the final punch was landed the Shreveport YMCA, with a superbly conditioned squad, stacked up 35 points to win the team title while Bastrop Athletic Club, competing for the first time, rolled into second just 5 points back. Winnfield and Marshall, Tex. tied up for third place with 15 scores apiece, Henderson, Tex. was fifth, Texarkana sixth.

In winning, the Shreveport 'Y' could lay claim to the Ark-La-Tex amateur boxing championship since the Silver Gloves is the only event allowed to mix up fighters from Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas . . . Regional Golden Gloves and Southern AAU fistic meets have always been confined to one state.

▸ **AROUND AND ABOUT**—A scheduled 10-rounder between pro lightweights James Singleton, Shreveport, and Mac Washington, Natchez, was wiped out at Natchez, Miss. on July 3rd, for an unusual reason. The promoter had neglected to obtain a license . . . Professional wrestling is holding its own in Shreveport and Monroe during the summer season.

CHICAGO BOXING BUSINESS
By Bill Harris

This was announced as the last professional boxing show in Chicago until the Patterson-Liston bout in September. From all appearances, it might have been the most successful too, and that was undoubtedly because Chicago's two fast-rising favorites, Dick Gilford and Allen Thomas were both on display in separate matches.

In the main event, Thomas, 166, won a one-sided victory over Leroy Green, 173, of Kansas City, Kansas. Green was his usual personable self in the ring, using lots of antics including plenty of conversation for his opponent while punching with authority in every round. He seemed to have injured his right hand early in the bout and winced noticeably every time he threw it.

But there seems to be no denying or stopping the Allen Thomas victory march. This was his 15th straight win and we have never seen a fighter improve as steadily and as greatly as has Allen. In the 10th round Thomas was as fast and as fresh as he was in the first. Allen succeeded in winning nine out of ten rounds on almost everyone's scorecard.

In the 8 round co-feature, Dick Gilford, 149, of Chicago won a unanimous decision over Chuck McCreary, 150, of Youngstown. This bout had the customers on their feet applauding on several occasions. Gilford is unquestionably the most colorful, and best welterweight in this area and is ready right now to take on anyone in his division. He is trained by the highly capable Ray Barnes who deserves a lot of credit too for Gilford's development since he turned professional about a year and a half ago.

Other results: Jackie Halloway, 148, of Chicago and Dave Ryan, 149, of Harvey, Illinois, fought to a draw in 4 rounds. Jimmy Jones, 197, of Gary stopped Billy Pickett, 202, of Detroit in the 4th.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

▸ Al Owens, of Miami, TKO'ed Aaron Beasley in the seventh round of the top tilt at Little River, Miami. A steady pour of gloves by Owens proved the downfall of Beasley, also of Miami. They're heavyweights. Willie (Cadillac) James TKO'ed Johnny Vaughn, 156, Homestead, in the fourth and today controversy rages as to whether the verdict came about, due to a cut over Johnny's eye sewed between rounds by a plastic surgeon present at the fight show. The winner's group figured the better fighter won, while the losing side felt the patch-up job handicapped their fighter. James, 150, is from Greenville, Florida.

Willie McCrea, 135, Perrine, stopped Bobby Allen, 141, Virgin Islands, in the fifth round. Brandy Fernandez (or Hernandez), 132½, Puerto Rico, fought to a four round draw with Jack Springer, 136, Miami. James Ivy, 135, Hialeah, got every tab in winning a four from Bob Jenkins, 135, of Miami.

Mike DeJohn ducks away from a right thrown by Robert Cleroux during their TV bout in Miami Beach. DeJohn used his long left jab to offset the mauling tactics of the Canadian and scored an upset ten round victory.

▸ Mike DeJohn, unranked at the moment he climbed into the ring to face RING ranked heavyweight Bob Cleroux, of Canada, at Miami Beach has a better feeling now. Mike, with the "new look" won over Bob in a 10 rounder televised nationally and by a unanimous decision. The attendance was set at 2,164. By this win, Manager Len McMillan's heavyweight got back into RING'S ratings.

▸ Sammy is on the loose again. "Slinging Sammy" Burgess, oustanding prospect from the Magic City, abbreviated professional boxing's opener in North Miami with a one round knockout over Willie McRae. Sammy's right cross did the damage. The winner, yet to lose a pro go, weighed 139, and the loser, two pounds less.

A sixer went to Prentice Snipes, 180, over 176 pound Junior Grant. Duane Simpson, 153, won a four from Jack McClain, 153. Sugar Boy Ludlow, 133, grabbed a four from Jack Stringer, 136. (Is Junior Grant the same boxer Junior Rand, or the other way around? Can Sugar Boy Ludlow be Eddie Ludlow?)

Bobby Marrie, Miami boxer, drops word that his bout with Jimmy Seabrooke, of Jacksonville, which was at first termed a draw by officials and reported so by the newsies and my column here, is erroneous. That the verdict was called even, is true, but moments later the call was awarded to Marrie by one point after an error in the scoring by one of the judges was discovered. Miami was the fight scene.

▸ Dropping his foe for counts in the second, third and fourth rounds, Frank Patterson, 160, North Miami Beach went on to win by a TKO in the fifth when Chico Gomez, 159, of Mexico City, failed to answer the bell for that round. Moses Shaw, 130, surprised all by knocking out Bobby Marrie, 130, same city, in the first round. This was Marrie's first loss by the short order route.

Roger Whitley, Miami Beach heavyweight, and a wonderful prospect, took a six from Jim Tillman, 218, of Macon, Georgia. Roger weighed 193, and he formerly hailed from Smithfield, North Carolina. Careful matching of Whitley will no doubt elevate him into the big time. He is that good. Duane Simpson, of Opa-locka, scored in a four with Eldon Ward. Jimmy Seabrooke, 132, of Jacksonville, won a four over Jack Stringer, 137. Bouts held at Little River in Miami.

▸ Whether or not Luis Rodriguez gets a deserved fling at the welterweight title he can be consoled in having secured the biggest match of his life, a recent marriage to childhood sweetheart Milagro Boada, a Cuban refugee who like Luis, lives in Miami. They exchanged vows at Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church (Miami). RING MAGAZINE names Luis leading challenger for Emile Griffith's 147-pound crown.

▸ You haven't heard enough of Roger Whitley, the heavyweight joy of Manager Georgie Moye. This Southerner would rather fight than eat. RING MAGAZINE honored Roger with Best Prospect in the heavyweight division a few months ago and the youngster is fulfilling expectations. Only one loss mars an otherwise perfect record studded with short distancers.

▸ Former middleweight contender Yama Bahama backed up his 10 round decision win over Jimmy Mack, of Augusta, Georgia with a first round knockdown at Bimini, Bahama. Yama, a native of the island weighed 159, and Jimmy, 152. A left hook to the body provided Mack's trek to the deck.

▸ Please send in all Southern boxing notes and results to: Tom Ephrem, 964 Wren Road, Jacksonville 16, Florida.

Tim Ford is mopping 'em up in Miami. Once more the promising welterweight from Jacksonville racked a victory and this being his sixth straight down that area. Unlucky victim was Bobby Monroe, of Fort Lauderdale, who weighed 147½, to Ford's 149. They met in an eight rounder at Miami's Little River Auditorium.

However, it was Joe Murchison, another representative from Jacksonville who took top honors for the night. Joe's glory was a two round knockout over heavy-hitting Moses Shaw, of Miami. This win puts Murchison back on top with other main eventers. He's a welter.

Duby Johns, still another battler from Jacksonville, bettered Murchison's kayo time by producing a knockout in the first round over Woody Mayo, 180, of Daytona. Johns at 200. Bobby Fay, featherweight, won a four rounder from Brandy Hernandez, of Puerto Rico.

Grady McLendon, with a seventh round knockdown to his credit, found it a saver in helping the score and decision in his favor over Emile Garcia at Little River Auditorium, Miami. Bob McNeil, 172, of Miami, took a sixer from Junior Grant, 168. Eddie Fobbs, 152, Fort Lauderdale, won the other six rounder. The loser at Eddie's hands was Curtis Wright, 152½, of Pompano Beach.

Bob Dukes, 202, Miami, whipped 200 pounder fellow townsman Ben Herring, in a four, while Duane Simpson, 142½, Opa-locka, scored in the other four over Lou Wooten, 150, Fort Lauderdale.

After breaking his contract to fight Yama Bahama in Jacksonville, Joey Giardello fought Miamian Jimmy Beecham at St. Paul and won the 10 rounder before a gathering of over 1,000 fans. The Jacksonville Boxing and Wrestling Commission had requested suspension of Giardello but was ruled out by the N.B.A.

WINSTON-SALEM BOXING NOTES
By Edward J. Neil III

▸ **Winston-Salem, N. C.**—The revival of professional boxing in this western North Carolina city was greeted by 387 fans, who paid $582.25 to see veteran Jimmy Bell, 240, knock out Ed Clark, 213, in one minute and 10 seconds of the third round.

The card, promoted by former fighter Gus Mason of Winston-Salem, had been billed for 28 rounds. A four-round lightweight bout, the curtain-raiser, was called off when Robert Avery of Smithfield failed to show up because of injury.

Bell, of Baltimore, Md., claims to be 39. He showed years of experience plus a sharp left jab in scoring his second knockout victory over Clark, of Washington, N. C. Bell said his record was about 90-25-10 after this bout. Clark is 22-4.

Leon (Popcorn) Sutton, 160, made his first pro start in an eight-rounder and stopped Japser Sprull, 164, of Smithfield in 2:05 of the first round. Sutton boxed well and, when pressed by Sprull, landed heavy punches that floored the Smithfield fighter.

Willy Perry Wilson, 155, who compiled a 35-6 record in clubs on Long Island, and in New York City and Chicago, made his first fight of a comeback attempt a winning effort by stopping Louis Goddard, 166, of Washington, N. C., at 1:57 of the second. Wilson, who had not fought in three years, was cut over the left eye in the first but broke a tooth in Goddard's mouth in the second. Goddard retired.

All the fighters were paid on a percentage basis from the net gate.

Mason said he planned another card at Ernie Shore Field within a few weeks.

Ironically, the bout that preceded the 10-year moratorium on fights here matched Joe Louis, ex-heavyweight champion against Joe McFadden in a four-round exhibition. Bell, now a cabin master at the Maryland State Training School for Boys, was a sparring partner for Louis before the Brown Bomber's second fight with Billy Conn and his first fight with Jersey Joe Walcott.

NEW ORLEANS NEWS
By Ike Morales

A bitter, dejected Ralph Dupas was dreaming of a third title shot.

On the losing end of two championship fights, Dupas still believes he is the best welterweight in the world, and that he would certainly turn the tables on Emile Griffith if given another chance at the latter's crown. Dupas lost his first title fight to Joe Brown, the lightweight champion, on May 7, 1958, at Houston, Tex. Ralph's handlers insist that weight-making was responsible for Brown's eight-round knockout over his native opponent. But Dupas, who has been gunning for a welterweight title fight for some time, finally got his chance on Friday, July 13, at Las Vegas and lost.

▸ Phil David, boasting of a 15-2 record, is regarded as a better-than-average featherweight around these parts.

The five-six David won 14 fights in succession before losing to Chamaeo Perez at Corpus Christi, Tex. Phil David is 21 and oldest of five brothers who tried their hands in the ring. Following Phil are brothers Autry, now 20, with a 5-1 record; Donald, 19, who fought as an amateur; Kenneth, 17, in the National Guard, and Jimmie, 15, who boxes in the amateur field.

▸ Jack Lazarow, popular Memphis fight manager, has signed a new pact with Ernie Burford and wants to show the latter against the top middleweights in the country. Lazarow also has a middleweight protege in Billy Kerr. . . . Promoters may secure these fighters by contacting Lazarow at 1450 Thomas Street, Memphis, Tenn.

Cassius Clay stopped off in New Orleans following his kayo of Argentina's Lovorante recently in Los Angeles . . . Clay visited with friends at Curley's Gym during his brief stay and informed Charley Rodriguez, trainer of Ralph Dupas, that he would like to fight here soon.

Lou Messina and Bonnie Geigerman are planning on a series of fights. Their last venture was the Willie Pastrano-Irish Billy Ryan fight which did $8,000 in the box office . . . The amateur shows continue to flourish with St. Mary's ring cards leading the way.

TOLEDO FISTIC HEADLINES
By Hal Grothjan

▸ Wilbert (Skeeter) McClure made his national TV debut an impressive one by punching out an exciting and unanimous ten-round decision over tough Marid Salim, middleweight champion of Argentina in New York City.

▸ Former amateur star Leotis Martin of Toledo is now campaigning as a light-heavyweight in the Philadelphia area with three straight wins. Martin, former National Golden Glove and National AAU champion, was picked by RING Magazine as their Prospect of the Month recently.

▸ Keep your eye on Jimmy (Honey Chile) Pettaway, Toledo featherweight now fighting in Mexico. Pettaway is a tall crowd-pleaser with a 13-1 pro record. The classy 23-year-old had trouble locating suitable opponents in these parts.

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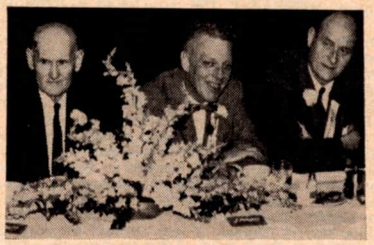
PACIFIC NORTHWEST BOXING NEWS
By Ruggles Larson

▸ **PORTLAND, OREGON** — Bobby Horn, 156, Eugene, Oregon, gained revenge by scoring an eight round unanimous decision over Kenny Carruthers, 160, Great Falls, Montana. Horn dumped Carruthers in the second, but Kenny came back and scored well with right hand shots in the next three cantos. With the bout fairly even going into the final round, Horn finished with a whirlwind attack. The two had previously fought a draw.

In the semi-final, Willie Richardson, 144, Portland, t.k.o.'ed Harold McLean, 146, G. F., on an eye cut. Richardson was leading at the point of the laceration. Clyde Williams, 147, Portland, scored a six round unanimous decision win over Chester Davis, 153, Seattle. John Gardipee, 139, G.F., kayoed Rupert Hardy, 143, Portland, in the third. Jim Raxter, 141, Portland, won a second round t.k.o. over Johnny Cannon, 141, Lewiston, Idaho. Leon LeSueur, 147, Portland, and Mike Nichols, 146, Eugene, drew in the opener.



Jack Connor, Octogenarian boxing manager (left) with Dr. Charles P. Larson (center) President of the National Boxing Association and Gov. Albert D. Rosellini of Washington (right) at a dinner honoring Connor in Tacoma. Rosellini was a member of Connor's stable of fighters some forty years ago.

▸ With Inigo Lucchesi and Veryl Sherman showing regularly and a few other promoters sparingly, the Pacific Northwest has developed several good looking prospects. Among them; Willie Richardson (Portland, welter), Luther Thomas (Seattle, light), Bobby Horn (Eugene, middle), John Gardipee (G. Falls, lightwelter), Cecil Mott (Tacoma, welter), and Kenny Carruthers (G. Falls, middle).

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

▸ **Corpus Christi,** Texas, Jack Irwin, Promoter.

Ladisladio "Chamaco" Perez and rugged little Oscar German over the 10-round distance. Perez came through with the win after ten well fought rounds. Chamaco scaled 123, and German 115. A whole flock of prelim bouts backed up the thrilling main event. Oscar Lopez, 125, whipped Manuel Ochoa, 127 in six; Porfirio "Blackie" Zamora, 133, a comer, put away Bobby Gregory, 126, in four; tall Otis Lee, 200, stopped Sherman Goodman, 180 in 3.

In four; Ray Gonzales, 139, a veteran of 10 years, battled to a rousing draw with promising Reuben "Chato" Herrera, 137; Elmos Henderson, 161, bombed out ex-Golden Glove star Ray Martin, 169, in the fifth—they're one apiece now; and Mike Vasquez, 133, and Genaro Marones, 137, drew in a hotly contested four.

▸ **San Antonio, Texas,** Reuben Rodriguez, Promoter.

Ollie Blackshear, 135¼, Houston, tipped over Alfredo "Indian" Puente, Mexico, in the seventh round of the main attraction. It was the second meeting of the pair. Blackshear had dragged himself off the deck to spill Puente for the count in the initial encounter.

In prelims, Manuel Ochoa, 125¼, whipped Mike Hernandez, 128¾, in eight rounds. Reuben "Chato" Herrera, 137, a whirlwind in action, won a bruising battle from Javier Ovalle, 135¼, in six. Joe Soto, 177½, stopped Sherman Goodman, 174, in the very first round.

▸ **Houston, Texas,** Texas Boxing Enterprises, Inc.

The Cleveland "Big Cat" Williams and Eddie Machen 10-round draw at the Sam Houston Coliseum has already appeared in The Ring, but we believe you'll be interested in the undercard, also. Here 'tis. Marshall Wells, 149, Houston, got the duke over Ray Lancaster, 149, Spartanburg, South Carolina veteran of many ring wars, in a six staged after the main go. Thad Spencer, 207, Portland, Oregon, got the six round nod over Otis Lee, the 195 pound Houston skyscraper. It was Lee's first setback, and he didn't like it one bit. In fact, as the round ended he went wild and brought his knee into play on three occasions in the vicinity of Spencer's groin as the West Coast heavy backed warily to his corner not knowing what to make of Lee's sudden outburst of fury.

In other prelims, Steve Freeman, 130, made his pro debut and iced Ardis Douglas, 130, in one round. This Freeman won the National AAU featherweight title in March in Cincinnati, and is a 19-year old University of Houston freshman. Jim Olive, 196, Cleveland, decisioned roly poly Charley Roberts, 206, Houston, in six rounds. Charles Terry, 183, Houston, dropped Joe Sanchez, Houston, 188, to win four round decision.

▸ **Beaumont, Texas,** Bill Plattsmier, Promoter.

Phil David, 130, New Orleans, boxed his way to a 10-round upset win over Texas lightweight champ Vic Graffio, 130½, Port Arthur, at the Sportatorium. Paul Patin, 167, Lake Charles, decisioned Al Levine, 168, Beaumont, in a six. Eddie Trosclair, 152, whipped Floyd Dalfrey, 147, in six. Melvin Mott, 142, looked good in getting rid of Frank Landra, 142, in one heat.

▸ **San Antonio, Texas,** Reuben Rodriguez, Promoter.

Santiago Gutierrez defended his Texas middleweight title against hard punching Marshall Wells, and came out of the battle with his crown intact in the 10-rounder. Santiago, a brawler who makes his home in San Antonio, was too big and too strong for the classy Wells who hangs his hat in the Bayou City of Houston. Gutierrez came in at 158, Wells 152.

In the semi-final, Jose "Toluco II" Lopez, 126½, scored a sensational three round knockout over Miguel Hernandez, 126, and they say Toluco II is a whale of a crowd pleaser the kind to bring smiles to promoters. Charley Roberts, 205, Houston, had too much savvy for Joe Soto, 177½, San Antonio, and stopped his man in the fifth. Genaro Marones, 132½, whipped young John Cordray, 133, in a close one over the four round distance.

▸ **Dallas, Texas,** Ralph Hall, Promoter.

Artie Clark, 134, stopped Sixto San Miguel, 139, in round two of the main event. Clark is from Austin, San Miguel now resides in Big D. Veteran Tommy Sims, 167, Dallas and elsewhere, stopped the short, stocky Benny Bowder, 165, Austin, in the eighth. Teddy Shores, 165, Dallas, decisioned Willie Morris, Dallas, in six. Ronald Mackey, 140, Dallas, and Sam Gray, 141, Austin, drew in the four round opener.

▸ **Corpus Christi, Texas,** Mrs. Alice Childress, Promoter.

Ladisladio "Chamaco" Perez, 125¾, Monterrey, Mexico, won a 10-round decision over Phil David, 127, New Orleans, at the Memorial Coliseum. The official verdict went 99-94, 97-93, and 99-96, all favoring Perez. David, a very clever youngster, was content to clown and challenge Perez to hit him. David started without his mouthpiece, and in the seventh he took off his shoes and socks. The New Orleans youngster apparently clowned away his chance to win according to Louis Anderson of the Corpus Christi Caller Times who called David, "slick, but never seemed to turn himself loose."

In prelims, Porfirio "Blackie" Zamora, 127¾, Corpus Christi, stopped William "Lee" Hawkins, 128¾, Beaumont, in 1:20 of round one; Bobby Garza, 131½, Corpus Christi, and Johnny Flores, 130¼, Beaumont, drew in a four; Teddy Shores, 162, Dallas, beat Roy Donaldson, 153, Corpus Christi, in four; Fernando Garcia, 149½, Corpus Christi, whipped Beldon Patton, 141¾, Dallas, in four.

▸ **Beaumont, Texas,** Bill Plattsmier, Promoter.

Ollie Blackshear, Houston, 133, continued his winning ways by cooling Ray Gonzales, 136, Houston, in seven rounds. Paul Patin, 167, Lake Charles, a consistent winner in prelim bouts, won another, this time the victim was Ray Martin, 166, Houston, in six rounds. James "Silky" Shelton, 145, San Antonio and Miami, hammered out a victory over Charlie Wright, 150, Houston, in four rounds. Sylvan Carlin, 132, Beaumont, got a three round technical kayo over willing Bobby Gregory, 128, Houston, when Gregory suffered a cut eye—in what was the best fight of the night up until that point.

▸ Anyone desiring a copy of the Eddie Machen-Cleve Williams program can have same by sending the writer 25¢ to cover the cost of mailing. My address is 4903 Laurel, Bellaire 101, Texas.

DOWN ARIZONA WAY
By Al Fenn

IRISH JOHNNY FEATHERMAN of Phoenix won his 14th fight without a loss, by defeating veteran Cecil Hudson in 10 rounds at Douglas, Ariz. Featherman weighed 160, and Hudson 166. In a co-10 Edmundo (Charro) Rabago, 148, Douglas, decisioned Indian Geronimo, 149, Tucson. In four's, Joe Rodriguez, 126, Arizona Golden Gloves champion of Tucson stopped Kid Pirulin, 128, Agua Prieta, Sonora in three; Mickey Araiza, 120, Hermosillo stopped Chato Padia, 121, Nogales in one; and Sergio Brown, 140, Douglas defeated Ernie Montoya, 145, Douglas.

Manny Elias (right) lands a hard smash to the ribs of Rudy Corona in fourth round. Manny outfought his Mexican foe most of the way in a good crowd pleasing bout.

▸ **MANUEL ELIAS,** 118, Phoenix won a 15 round bout from Rudy Corona, 117, Ciudad Obregon, in what was billed as a North American Bantamweight Championship bout at Phoenix Madison Square Garden. It was a donnybrook all the way, and the season's largest crowd witnessed the bout.

Tragedy struck to mar local boxing. In the opening bout, Sonny Nunez, 128, Glendale, making his pro debut died from injuries suffered in the fourth and last round of a fight with Rodrigo Contreras, 126, of Tucson. Nunez battled Contreras on even terms until he was hit with a right. He went down, arose, then collapsed and died about two hours later at a hospital: This was the first casualty in Arizona for over 30 years.

In other bouts promoted by Capitol Boxing Club, Paavo Ketonen, promoter, Dave Furch decisioned Ted Hutchinson in 12 rounds for the Arizona heavyweight championship. Furch weighed 201, and Hutchinson weighed 219. In the opener, Benny McCorvey, 153, stopped Clifton Williams, 161, in three.

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OHIO BOXING NOTES
By Eddie Schauer

The Buckeye State has received a "shot in the arm" by the promotions of Oscar Kortowich, Cleveland cement contractor. Kortowich has staged two shows. Oscar, who boxed himself in the '30s under the name of Oscar Schmelling, is determined to bring the sport back to popularity and plans to continue steady shows in Akron and other Ohio cities thruout the Fall and Winter.

One of the beneficial results of his shows to date is a surge of activity in gyms thruout the state. Boxers, who have been plagued with difficulty getting bouts, are training with renewed vigor and hopes, with the outlook brighter for work closer to home . . . Ohio has some good prospects, who have had to travel far and wide in an attempt to keep busy . . . James Olive, Cleveland heavyweight, is one of the most promising. Olive hopped down to Texas recently and defeated Sharley Roberts in six, on the undercard of the Machen-Williams bout.

Akron has a very promising lad in welterweight Fate Davis, who is undefeated to date in five contests. Davis is a hard-punching action fighter. . . . Alex Ford, a former National A.A.U. Champ, has moved from Youngstown to Cleveland and is under new management, who hopes to move this rugged light heavyweight. Ford, who has won 11 of 14, has trouble getting local 175's into the ring with him . . . Another lightheavy, who is having the same problem is Marion Conners of Canton, Ohio. Conners, who won the National Amateur Title in 1960, has had one pro bout stopping Andy Holt of Detroit in five. Since this rather startling upset over the rugged and more experienced Holt, Marion can't coax anyone to cross gloves with him.

I am at present matchmaking bouts for Akron, Ohio, and wish to hear from managers and fighters who desire to show there this winter. Contact this writer at 4639 Webb Road, Perry, Ohio

CANADIAN MARITIME
By Fred Bishop

New Glasgow, N.S.

Slugging miner, Doug. Odo, 159, Thorburn, returned to the ring for the first time since a pit accident, to headline Harry Trainor second card of the season and posted a clean kayo over fast stepping Larry Ross, 156, Saint John, N.B. at the 2.57 mark of the third round.

The semi-final of six rounds was actioned pack throughout with Al MacLean, 153, New Glasgow and Rocky Johnson, 152, Saint John, standing toe to toe and when it was all over the judges and referee called it about the only thing possible, a draw.

Jo Jo Jackson, 128, New Glasgow, a boy who will go places, won his second straight as he hung a fast kayo on Norm Parker, 134, Sydney, an all out attack stopped Parker after 1:16 of the second round.

Claude Bonnell, 155, Sydney, a Johnnie Nemis trained youth making his first pro. start, upset Henry Jackson, 159, New Glasgow. Bonnell came from away back to win, after managers, seconds and police all invaded the ring in as wild a go as anyone would want to see, Bonnell, down twice in the second and twice in the third put on such an all out attack in the fourth and had Jackson on the run enough to catch both judges and referee Lem Roy's eye for a unanimous dec.

Grand Anse, N.B.

▸ Tyrone Gardiner, 136, Maritime Lightweight Champion, made it two in a row as he wasted littel time on Bobby Speight, 137, Saint John, N.B. and stopped his man midway through the third round. Gardiner of Sydney River, N.B. had stopped Speight only two months ago in Sydney.

The semi-final, set for four rounds, was actioned packed as ever. Punching Bobo Bonaparte, 156, Sydney and Stan O'Dell, 140, Halifax, stood and traded blows with neither taking a backward step, the dec. a draw, went over well with the crowd being treated to their first professional show.

In fours:

Clayton Ryan, 125, Sydney, scored an upset as he outpointed fast punching Ray Fagan, 125, Port Elgin, N.B.

Roy Roach, 163, Moncton, N.B., surprised with a unanimous dec. over rough punching Bobby Whalen, 160, Dartmouth, N.S.

New Glasgow, N.S.

▸ Ron Brothers, 160, Saint John, N.B. continues to score upsets as he fought like a tiger to hang a third round kayo on the Maritimes top middleweight. Doug Odo, 160, Thorburn, N.S. Brothers exploded with a terrific right and Odo dropped like a poled ox, referee Jackie Hayden didn't count, the time was 1:52. For Brothers it was his third straight kayo this year. Brothers, fighting since 1955, ran his record to 10-4-0, he has eight kayo's and has been stopped twice.

Al MacLean, 151, New Glasgow, stopped Rocky Johnson, 150, Saint John, midway through the sixth and final rds. of the semi-final, these two fought a draw on the last card here, but in this match MacLean has his man on the floor six times and had complete control throughout.

In Fours:

Rough Terry Johnson, 135, Halifax upset fast stepping Jo Jackson, 128, New Glasgow, knocking him down three times in the first minute and nailed him down for good at the 2:40 mark of the first.

Henry Jackson, 162, New Glasgow, took a spot decision from fast punching Clarence Wright, 156, Beechville, N.S.

Glace Bay, Miner's Forum

▸ Canadian Middleweight champion, Wilfie Greaves, 158, Edmonson, never taking a backward step, defended his title as he stopped young Blair Richardson, 160, South Bar, midway through the tenth of a scheduled twelve rounder, it was a bristling match before a capacity crowd in this coal town of Glace Bay. Gussie MacLellan, promoted and the crowd of 6,500 paid about $16,500

to sit in and cheer Richardson on in his first really big fight against a name fighter.

Blair was tiring but his best round was yet to come, in the seventh he had the mob on their feet as he stood his ground and slugged it out, landing a vicious straight right that stopped Greaves in his tracks but his rugged rival had advantage in experience and after a rough minute, was fighting back gamely at the bell but it was Blair's round by a wide margin. Greaves came out strong in the eighth and won the round by a shade, the ninth was the beginning of the end as Blair seemed to have no defense against the champion's hooks and just at the bell, Greaves all but took Blair's head off with a right smash. It was all he could do to get to his corner under his own power.

Greaves wasted little time in the tenth. Blair hit the deck for the first time from a left to the head. Hurt and tired, he jumped up at two only to be dropped for a seven count. Blair, showing plenty of courage ran into another barrage and was dropped again. Up again Greaves put on a savage attack and more of a push than a punch sent Blair staggering across the ring and out through the bottom rope. Referee Bobby Beaton didn't bother to count but raised Wilfie's hand at the 2:32 mark.

The semi-final of six rounds was short lived as Tyrone Gardiner, 141, Sydney River, Maritime lightweight king stopped inexperienced Willie Weatherspoon, 131, Boston, midway through the third.

In another six, Les Gillis, 131, New Waterford, had the edge throughout over rough punching Ray Fagan, 130, Port Elgin, N.B. but got a scare in the last round as the ever trying Fagan brought the mob alive with an all out attack that all but took the house and Gillis down in a great finish. In Fours:

Dave MacLeod, 158, South Bar, an undefeated slugger was upset and not only beaten but knocked out by hard punching Bobby Whalen, 161, Dartmouth, N.S. Whalen dropped MacLeod twice in the third and then a hard right hook kept him down for good near the end of the round.

Clayton Ryan, 127, Sydney and Brian MacAulay, 128, South Bar, went to a draw in a slow match. J,pB1Grav eswac,,infln

BOXING NEWS FROM THE 49th STATE

By Buck Jones

A wild, rampaging challenger, in his first professional encounter, became the new Alaska middleweight champion, in Romig Hill gymnasium, Jim Nelson, 160 decked defending champion, Tom Gravely, 156, three times, on his way to a sensational third round knockout victory.

Nelson was a man-gone-wild, from the opening bell, as he wasted no time smashing into Gravely's "turtle defense". During the first few seconds, Nelson cut loose with a barrage of punches that staggered the champion, and put him in retreat. Nelson followed Gravely around the ring, hitting him at will, then near the end of the round, dropped Gravely, for a nine-count, with a tremendous left-hook. For Gravely, it was the first time he had ever been on the canvas throughout his long career. In the third, Nelson charged out at the bell, and forced Gravely into the ropes with a barrage of lefts and rights. A smashing left hook, and right cross sent Gravely to the canvas for the second time.

Gravely was on his feet at the count of nine, and tried gamely to cover up, but Nelson was on top of him, and smashed him to the canvas again, with another barrage. Gravely tried desperately to arise, but he was still on his hands and knees at the count of ten, when the new champion was crowned. Immediately after the bout, Gravely announced his retirement from the ring.

In the semi-main event, Ike Bloodsaw, 165, used an effective left jab, and good counter punching, to win a split decision over Phil Hauser, 160. It was a hard-fought battle, with both boys landing effective punches.

In another six round bout, Eugene Miller, 145, won a TKO against Larry Morrison, 139, in 0:23 of the second round of their welterweight match.

In the preliminaries, Jerry Nelson, 145, decisioned Noey Flores, 142, and Jerry Burgitt, 165, won a TKO over Butch Williamson, 155, in 1:30 of the first.

JABS AND PUNCHES IN CURACAO, N.A.

By V. E. (Chick) Chittick

Promoter Angel Job failed to attract a good attendance when he staged a show with American Otha Brown against Battling Siki from Aruba.

Battling Siki made a comeback to the ring after a long absence, and was rusty. Battling Siki was completely outclassed by the skillful and fast moving Brown. In the seventh round Brown shoved Siki with a left to the body and a right hook that sent Siki to the canvas but was luckily saved by the bell. In the eighth round Brown forced the attack but was unable to catch up with him. After seventeen seconds of the ninth had elapsed, Batting Siki was once more on the canvas, but this time for good. The winner was Otha Brown by a knockout.

In the semi-final, Wicho Galento Jr. and Kid Zorzal of Aruba fought a beautiful first four of a scheduled 10 rounder. Kid Zorzal refused to leave his corner at the beginning of the fifth, stating he was unable to respirate properly because of a cold and Galento Jr. was proclaimed the victor by a T.K.O.

Johnny Gumbs of Aruba and Jack Dempsey Jr., fought the best fight of the evening. Johnny proved to be the better boxer in the ring and won by a unanimous decision. Harold Johnson beat Kid Shon Mi in six. Baby Face Fulmer beat Marco Perez in four.

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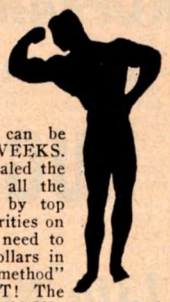

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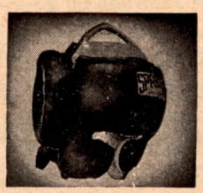

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

By CHARLEY PARRISH

HUGE CROWD SEES LOI VICTORY

13th No Jinx

A happy Duilio Loi is announced the winner and still champion, following his triumph over Fortunato Manca. It marked the thirteenth successful defense of a European title by Loi since he first became lightweight champion, beating Jorgen Johansen in 1954. Loi won the welter crown from Emilio Marconi in 1959.

Loi's next fight will be in defense of his World Junior Welterweight title against Eddie Perkins in Milan on September 7th.

THE month of July didn't provide much of interest apart from Duillio Loi's title-defense and a series of minor promotions in Spain, Italy and southern France. Manager Ruhling is still dickering for a return clash against Johansson for his charge, Wim Snoek, but apparently Ingo has set up Vienna as his latest base of operations.

CAGLIARI, Italy—Almost 40,000 fans attended the Amsicora stadium to watch the long-awaited clash between two native sons, Duilio Loi and Fortunato Manca, between whom a strong rivalry exists. Despite his criticisms of Loi as a champion, Manca spent the first four rounds very much on the defensive.

In the fifth round Loi went to work and hammered the challenger around the ring with hooks to the chin which made Manca's knees buckle. In the succeeding rounds there was a great deal of clinching and laying on but in the tenth, Manca rallied and surprised the world champion with a series of devastating attacks, splitting Loi's right eyebrow and forcing him very much on the defensive. Manca continued to hold the upper hand in the eleventh but Loi weathered the storm and came out with a counter-attack in the twelfth which reduced Manca again to the rôle of sparring-partner and in the last round he belted Manca on the jaw and dropped him for a count of "8", which removed all possible doubt of a win for Loi.

On the same card, Francisco Fiori got the better of Diego Infantes when the Spanish middleweight was obliged to retire in the eighth round due to a hand injury.

José Sousa was stopped in the fourth round by Oggiano in a middles slam and Valerio Nunez of Argentina knocked out a third Spaniard, Ricardo Navarro, in the third of a lightie scrap. Tocco flattened Bertolaccini in the second frame of a bantam clash.

▸ **ROME.** At the Palazzetto, Piero Del Papa finally met up with Ottavio Panunzi to settle a matter of supremacy on the cruiser ladder and Del Papa won clearly on points. Renato Giacché gained a quick victory over Jackie Chauveau of France, knocking him out at the start of the second round.

▸ **TEL AVIV, Israel**—As reported last month in The Ring, Alphonse Halimi succeeded once again to the European bantam throne by dislodging the current occupant, Piero Rollo of Italy here. It was the first-ever professional boxing show in Israel and the attendance of 12,000 fell below the expectations of promoter Jack Solomons.

▸ **FLORENCE, Italy**—Sandro Mazzinghi had the toughest fight of his career when he tangled with Jackie Cailliau of Paris, with the nod going in his favor after a robust middles eight. Piero Del Papa, cruiser prospect, won easily from Angelo Favari in eight and Luciano Piazza also won as he pleased from Annibale Omodei in a one-sided welter eight.

Best bout on the card was between Corallini and Louis Chaquitano of France, a furious feathers slam won by the former after eight rounds.

The cruiser bout between Giulio Rinaldi and Lino Rendon was disappointing. Rinaldi copped a smack on the chin in the second round which made him over-cautious and nothing happened until the fifth, when Rinaldi started an attack. In the sixth, Rendon was ruled out for butting.

Nino Benvenuti didn't win in his usual style against Heini Freytag, who belted the Olympic star with a right to the jaw in the second round, only the bell saving Nino from a possible knockout. In the succeeding rounds, Benvenuti scored enough points to obtain a very narrow verdict.

Fernando Proietti picked a Tartar in Louis Barcelo, who ripped in with powerful, two-fisted attacks which had the Italian welter beating a hasty retreat. Unfortunately, Barcelo busted open Proietti's eyebrow with an accidental butt in the fifth round and was disqualified.

Bruno Santini outfought Fabio Bettini in a second welter eight, and Luigi Napoleoni returned to action with a points win over Basilio Cominardi in a cruiser six.

▸ **LEGHORN, Italy**—Franco Brondi, tearaway lightweight hitter, clashed with a battler of his own type, blond Aimé Devisch, now a veteran but still a useful mittslinger who lasted the ten rounds without taking a count but lost on points.

▸ **MADRID, Spain**—Alfonso Del Rio bade farewell to his newly-won Castilian lightweight laurels after taking a drubbing from Ricardo Navarro in a ten-round slugfest at the Campo del Gas.

Felix Alonso outfought Manolin Alvarez in a hard bantam eight and Leopoldo Escuin won without trouble from Tony Gutierrez in a lightie eight.

▸ **FOGGIA, Italy**—Paolo Curcetti emerged successfully from his first real test, defeating the Spanish flyweight champion Raton Osuna over ten rounds.

▸ **At PRATO**—Local heavies prospect Carlo Nieri outscored Horst Herold of Germany, who was handicapped by a badly cut eye from the second round.

▸ **PORDENONE**—Gino Rossi, middles veteran, came up with a surprise win over Frenchman Daniel Leuillier, champion of Flanders, after ten hard rounds and heavyweights Giancarlo Bacchini and Bruno Pivetta mauled out a draw after six rounds.

▸ **RIMINI, Italy**—Luciano Lugli stopped the Martinique Negro, Michel Serenus in the eighth round of a rather monotonous middleweight bout. Serenus just soaked up every punch thrown at him until he couldn't stand up straight.

▸ **VALENCIA, Spain**—Andres Navarro Moreno won without fuss from Vicente Ferrando in a welter ten at the bull-ring.

▸ **NAPLES, Italy**—Beppe Daniele, local welter prospect, won from Ali ben Bechir of Tunisia when the latter was ruled out for butting in the fifth round of a very confused brawl. Esposito unexpectedly won from Mario Calcaterra in a lightie eight.

▸ **ST. NAZAIRE, France**—Souleymane Diallo, hard-hitting Senegalese, found Serge Boe was no push-over in their middles maul. Boe lasted until the eighth round, when he decided to retire after taking three knockdowns.

Marcel Moello defeated Joel Wilkin in a middles eight and Jean Jouan trimmed veteran Marcel

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(UP TO AUGUST 15, 1962)

HEAVIES	LIGHTHEAVIES	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Ingemar Johansson (SW)	1. Gustav Scholz (G)	1. Laszlo Papp (HY)	1. Duilio Loi (I)
2. Karl Mildenberger (G)	2. Erich Schoeppner (G)	2. Luis Folledo (S)	2. Bruno Visintin (I)
3. Wim Snoek (H)	3. Lennart Risberg (SW)	3. Hippolyte Annex (F)	3. Fortunato Manca (I)
4. Franco De Piccoli (I)	4. Pekka Kokkonen (FN)	4. Marcel Pigou (F)	4. Chris Christensen (D)
5. Sante Amonti (I)	5. Paul Roux (F)	5. Peter Mueller (G)	5. Stefan Redl (G)
6. Mino Bozzano (I)	6. Peter Gumpert (G)	6. Nino Benvenuti (I)	6. Maurice Auzel (F)
7. Franco Cavicchi (I)	7. Giulio Rinaldi (I)	7. Hans Wohlers (G)	7. Franco Nenci (I)
8. Albert Westphal (G)	8. Leen Jansen (H)	8. Armand Vannucci (F)	8. Omrane Sadok (T)
9. Gerhard Zech (G)	9. Piero Tomasoni (I)	9. Franco Fiori (I)	9. Jean Rolland (F)
10. Ulli Nitzschke (G)	10. Piero Del Papa (I)	10. Charles Attali (F)	10. Sauveur Chiocca (F)
LIGHTWEIGHTS	**FEATHERS**	**BANTAMS**	**FLYWEIGHTS**
1. Giordano Campari (I)	1. Gracieux Lamperti (F)	1. Alphonse Halimi (F)	1. Salvatore Burruni (I)
2. Aissa Hashas (F)	2. Olli Maeki (FN)	2. Piero Rollo (I)	2. Mimun Ben Ali (S)
3. Mario Vecchiatto (I)	3. Willi Quatuor (G)	3. Pierre Cossemyns (B)	3. René Libeer (F)
4. Conny Rudhof (G)	4. Sergio Capaari (I)	4. Giuseppe Linzalone (I)	4. Pierre Rossi (F)
5. Guizani Rezgui (T)	5. Jean Renard (B)	5. Federico Scarponi (I)	5. Paolo Curcetti (I)
6. Fernand Nollet (F)	6. Ray Nobile (I)	6. Pierre Vetroff (F)	6. Raton Osuna (S)
7. Juan Albornoz (S)	7. René Barrière (F)	7. Mario D'Agata (I)	7. Young Martin (S)
8. Sandro Lopopulo (I)	8. Mario Sitri (I)	8. Idrissa Diop (F)	8. Primo Zamparini (I)
9. Franco Brondi (I)	9. Lino Mastellaro (I)	9. Risto Luukkonen (FN)	9. Manuel Alvarez (S)
10. Guy Gracia (F)	10. Kid Tano (S)	10. Jean-Claude Leroy (F)	10. Salvatore Manca (I)

LEGEND: Belgium B; Denmark D; France F; Finland FN; Germany G; Holland H; Hungary HY; Italy I; Spain S; Sweden SW; Tunisia T.

Marcerou in a welter eight.

▸ **In PARIS**—Unbeaten Yves Deesmarets did well to outscore Jean Leroux in a fast feathers eight at the Central.

▸ **ST. VINCENT, Italy**—Salvatore Burruni regained the European flyweight title by outpointing the Spanish nominee, Mimun ben Ali over fifteen rounds on a televised program. Both fighters were in good condition and gave a sparkling display.

Piero Cottino, who had been flung from his motor-scooter by an oncoming car the evening previous, still went on with his scheduled bout against dangerous Sandro Mazzinghi. Cottino boxed brilliantly but in the fifth round Mazzinghi unleashed a powerful onslaught which dropped Cottino for the full count.

Sandro Lopopulo lambasted veteran Belaid Meslem in a one-sided lightweight fray, dropping the Algerian in the fifth but slacking off to win on points.

Tullio Marcotti knocked out Carlo Sala in the fourth round of a middles bout and Carmelo Chessa fought a draw with Girolamo Piai in a lightie six.

▸ **ANCONA, Italy**—At a big two-day amateur tourney, professionals also appeared as extra attractions. Local welter Massimo Consolati won from Paolo Scire over eight rounds, a notable success, on the first day. The following day, Angelo Favari recouped several defeats by belting out Romano Bertocchi with a mighty clout to the ribs during the second round. Whilst Federico Scarponi had no trouble in outscoring a rather subdued Michel Lamora in a bantam eight.

▸ **CANET DE MAR, Spain**—Andres Navarro Moreno was again in action, halting Alberto Alsinet in the seventh round of a non-title welter bout.

▸ **At VALENCIA**—Luis Rodriguez earned the right to challenge for the bantam title by outpointing the Catalan champion, Hermida, over eight rounds while Diego Infantes earned himself the thankless task of again challenging Luis Folledo, by narrowly outscoring the Catalan middles champ, Felipe Alayeto, over eight rounds. The verdict was booed.

▸ **At BARCELONA**—Rafael Fernandez 116, won from Mohammed Laiachi, 118, over eight rounds at the Grand Price.

▸ **VALENZA PO, Italy**—Giorgio Masteghin needed but two punches to flatten Max Brianto in the opening round of their heavyweight bout, the match was over in less than half a minute, which drew complaints from the unappreciative audience.

▸ **MADRID, Spain**—Leopoldo Escuin was still suffering from the effects of his knockout defeat by Navarro Moreno when he tangled with Vicente Ferrando, "The Tiger of Elche". After bouncing off the ropes into a left hook, in the fifth round, Escuin was saved by the gong but in the sixth, the referee stopped the bout in Ferrando's favor.

Miguel Calderin, from the Canary Isles captured the vacant Castilian feathers title by defeating Ernesto Torres over ten rounds, in a bout which he dominated until the last two rounds. When Torres' untiring attacks were beginning to take their toll.

Felix Alonso and Ramon Casal clashed again, they drew in a previous bout, and this time Alonso scored a narrow points win in their Bantam eight.

▸ **LA SPEZIA, Italy**—Flavio Mazzoni resumed his winning streak by defeating Luigi Gheda, but on unsatisfactory terms, as the Brescia cruiser was ruled out in the third round for using his knee as an aid to victory.

At RAVENNA—The local heavyweight, Luigi Martuzzi, won via the points route from Kurt Ströer, who was floored three times by the Italian giant.

▸ **BOLOGNA, Italy**—Franco Cavicchi won an uninspiring heavyweight ten from the Lancashire lad, Ray Shiel, whose usual carefree style of going forward and throwing punches was hindered by Cavicchi's height and his tendency to grapple.

Shiel was warned for repeated holding in the sixth round, however, but the bout continued as a confused rough and-tumble.

Luigi Castoldi busted the undefeated run of Alfredo Parmeggiani by flattening the local welter in the sixth round of a hard scrap whilst Carlos Duran, Argentine middleweight, won from Remo Carati in a return battle despite a nasty cut over the right eye.

Attilio Vit won from Gobbo when the latter was disqualified in the fourth heat of a cruiser slam for an accidental butt.

▸ **MELILLA, Spanish Morocco**—The summer season opened here with a presentation by old-time fistic great, Paolino Uzcudun, of a gold medal from the Spanish Federation to José Ungidos, who lost his eyesight some time ago. In the main bout, Young Martin boxed a wearisome draw against Manolo Alvarez in a flyweight eight whilst Ricardo Navarro drew with Enrique Lezaun in a furious lightie eight.

Rafael Gayo flattened Luis Gutierrez in the second round of a feathers fracas, Ungidos II drew with Alonzo in a welter six and Saez won from Gomez Acebo in a feathers six.

▸ **MARSEILLES, France**—Jean Ruellet slipped another rung down the ladder when he was outpointed by second-rate Marcel Fabre in a colorful middles ten. On the same card. Jo Giocanti flattened the tough veteran from Paris, André Valignat, in the third round of a feathers slam.

▸ **DUNKIRK, France**—Albert Younsi, after four defeats in succession, achieved a very modest triumph in outpointing young Gerard Macrez in a bantam ten. André Wemaere whipped Lucien Bocquet in a lightie six.

▸ **MADRID, Spain**—At the Campo del Gas, Diego Infantes hammered out a quick victory over an unknown Moroccan named Ben Larvy, who was belted out in the second round after four minutes fighting.

Francisco Ortega, who is a parachutist in a volunteer unit, was also given an easy opponent, a youngster named Cardoso who had only one professional bout. Cardoso had no idea how to use his fists and signalled his retirement at the start of the seventh round.

Vicente Ferrando disputed his second bout in four days and again emerged triumphant, slugging his way to a narrow points win against the smart but light-hitting Enrique Levy in a lightie eight. Angel Uriel won from Antonio Garcia (still an amateur) in a bantam four.

▸ **BEZIERS, France**—This small town in the south of France staged its first national championship when local middles ace, Hippolyte Annex, fought it out with champion Marius Dori. About 6,000 supporters attended the bout, which resulted in Annex winning the title. Dori's corner slung in the towel during the seventh round after the champ had taken four trips to the deck. Thus the French again have a worthy title-holder in their erstwhile strongest division.

Louis Barcelo, rising welter prospect, won again from Roger Keromnes in a return bout which also ended in the seventh round with the Breton's corner slinging in the sponge.

▸ **BRESCIA, Italy**—A regular slamming session took place at the Rigamonti Stadium when Sante Amonti tangled with Brian London. There were no knockdowns but both fighters slammed away to such effect that a sudden finish was possible at any moment. The Englishman, who fights all too seldom, battled valiantly against an Amonti in brilliant condition.

Amonti was five points ahead at the end of ten rounds due to his more accurate punching, which got him the verdict. London was displeased with the result.

Piero Tomason, another native son, had an easier task against veteran Alex Buxton, though the mulatto from Watford gave his foeman a lesson in ringcraft and despite two knockdowns lasted the distance of eight rounds to lose on points.

Nervino won from Fontana in a hard middles eight, Simonazzi trimmed Magostini in a welter six and Emilio Possessi, local feather, drew with Giuseppe Fanfoni in six.

▸ **GALLARATE, Italy**—Piero Brandi, former amateur star, made short work of the Spanish lightweight, José Sanchez Merayo, who was knocked into dreamland with a few swift hooks in the opening round. Previously, Brandi had outpointed a Senegalese named Dimina at Siena and trimmed Crosta at Caerano San Marco.

On the rest of the card at Gallarate, Marino Buraglia outscored the heavier Ben Laiachi, of Spanish Morocco, in a bantam eight and Egidio Mainini outfought Visentin in a rugged cruiser six.

▸ **SAN REMO, Italy**—Charley Douglas, formerly a redoubtable warrior in European rings but now reduced to the status of trial-horse, lost on points to Romolo Spila in a monotonous welter eight. Cali outscored Campanella in a sharp flyweight eight.

▸ **FRANKFURT, Germany**—At a small promotion here, promoted by Gerd Riethenauer, Italian visitors made a good impression. Klaus Jaeger, German bantam champion, outscored Mario Callandra after eight hard rounds but his brother Horst was floored for "nine" in the opening round of his lightweight tussle with Franco Tomaselli and was knocked out in the next session by a hook to the chin.

Antonino Lota twice floored local middleweight Jupp Drschka in the fifth round and the ref decided to halt proceedings.

▸ **TRIESTE, Italy**—Two thousand fans turned up to watch Nino Benvenuti deal with tough veteran Gino Rossi, who started his career in 1951. It was nip-and-tuck all the way, neither fighter ceding ground, though Benvenuti displayed more skill and a harder punch. He dropped Rossi briefly during the sixth round and won after ten rounds.

Romano, making his debut, drew with Mario Casellato in a lightie six.

▸ **MADRID, Spain**—Luis Folledo topped the bill at the Sports Palace, making further claim on his shot at the European crown by stopping Jean Ruellet in the seventh round of their middles clash. The stocky Frenchman put up a game scrap. A cut eye handicapped Ruellet from the fifth and in the seventh he retired.

Mariano Echevarria picked a likely victim in Ray Cillien, a young Luxembourg heavy with only four paid bouts to his credit, who was halted in the fifth round. Fidel Arciniaga, after eight years retirement, made a come-back attempt but was knocked out in the third round by Gilles Dieude, a French lightheavy.

▸ **GENOA, Italy**—In his first bout after losing the national title, Bruno Fortilli surprised by clearly outpointing Michel Diouf, though he was much exercised in saving his face from the Senegalese's repeated butts. In a feathers eight, Becco gained a narrow verdict agains José Sauret of Spain whilst Urzi halted Meucci in the seventh round.

▸ **PRATO, Italy**—Bruno Santini added another victim to his growing list, though Felipe Alayeto of Spain certainly went down with colors flying. Santini went in confidently for a quick win but the Basque fought back strongly and in the second round smacked his opponent on the chin and dropped him for "8." Santini leapt forward and belted the Spaniard around the ring until his corner slung in the towel. Carlo Nieri won every round from Dino Biato in a heavies eight.

▸ **BARCELONA, Spain**—The South American invasion still goes on apace. The latest arrivals are Chileans Reuben Loayza and Luis Silva. The latter received his baptism of fire at the Gran Price, where he literally collided with Felix Serrano in a furious welter slam. In the fifth round Silva's head lammed into Serrano's brows and the ref decided to disqualify the Chilean, though the audience protested loudly.

▸ **BARCELONA, Spain**—A week later at the Gran Price, José Navarro Paredes was pitted against the second Chilean, Reuben Loayza, and this bout was also fought at a desperate pace. After ten rounds the result was a draw, no knockdowns were scored but both fighters were exhausted. Cuenca whipped Forbes in a feathers eight.

▸ **MADRID, Spain**—At the Campo del Gas, Felix Alonso continued to make progress, drawing over ten rounds with flyweight champion Raton Osuna whilst Ramon Casal trimmed veteran Francisco Carreno in a bantam eight.

▸ **RIMINI, Italy**—Luciano Lugli, a rising middleweight prospect, made short work of Michel Valentin of France, who was knocked out with the first few punches of the opening round. Lino Rossi debuted with a points win over Rene Rey in a welter eight.

▸ **PERPIGNAN, France**—René Barrière invaded the bailiwick of Jean Biosca to defend his national featherweight title and won with quite a margin to spare.

▸ **LAS PALMAS, Spain**—Six thousand fans acclaimed Kid Tano when he successfully retained his feathers title at the Estadio Insular against former champ Jose Luis Biescas, who seems to deal exclusively in title-bouts. The deaf-mute Kid, with only a few paid bouts to his credit, handled the ex-champion in masterly style and won most of the twelve rounds.

Fragile Kid Daniel was halted by Alfonso Garcia in a welter scrap and afterwards announced his retirement.

▸ **CANNES, France**—Leon Zadourian, undefeated Franco-Armenian lightie, was unexpectedly held to a draw here by the Spaniard, Antonio Ramos, after ten hard rounds whilst Antoine Santucci flattened Jesus Zarco in the fourth heat.

▸ **FLORENCE, Italy**—Sandro Mazzinghi had little trouble with the veteran Moroccan, Charley Kassem, who was belted out with a few brisk punches at the start of the first round. Such pushover bouts won't do Mazzinghi's career much good.

Giancarlo Casti stopped another Moroccan, Ben Mohamed Ali, in the fifth round of a feathers bout, after scoring three knockdowns.

▸ **ROME**—At the Sports Palace, Federico Scarponi captured the vacant bantam title by outscoring the deaf-mute, Mario D'Agata, over twelve rounds. D'Agata fought well for the first four or five rounds but was hampered by a cramp; Scarponi was cut over both eyes.

Franco De Piccoli dropped Buddy Turman in the opening round of their heavyweight clash but Turman recovered and continued his role of spar-mate. In the second round the Texan was ruled out after several warnings for butting.

In a brief welter tourney, Marcello Santucci outscored Massimo Consolati over four rounds and Mirko Rossi stopped Luciano Piazza in the opening round with a cut eye; in the final, Santucci won via the points route from Rossi, again in four rounds.

▸ **CIVITANOVA, Italy**—Piero Del Papa continued unbeaten by trouncing Luigi Napoleoni in a fast cruiser eight here whilst Sandro Lopopulo defeated Romolo Spila in a lightweight eight.

▸ **BARCELONA, Spain**—Andres Navarro Moreno, 24-year old welter champion, successfully retained his welter title against tough veteran Bobbv Ros, who was clearly outpointed after twelve hard rounds at the Gran Price.

▸ **NAPLES, Italy**—Salvatore Burruni had plenty of work in outpointing lanky Rafael Fernandez, Spanish bantam, who fought at terrific speed for all ten rounds.

Bruno Santini outslugged Daniel Leuillier of France in a middles eight. Jose Menno, Argentine cruiser, had an easy task against Gianni Frigerio who was ruled out in the seventh round for lack of combativity and Giuseppe Daniele halted Franco Mariani in the fifth round.

▸ **PESARO, Italy**—Giuseppe Linzalone edged nearer a shot at the national bantam title by outscoring the fast Parisian, Lucien Maillet, over eight rounds whilst Geppino Gentiletti redeemed himself with a moderately good win over Michel Francois, French middleweight, also in eight rounds.

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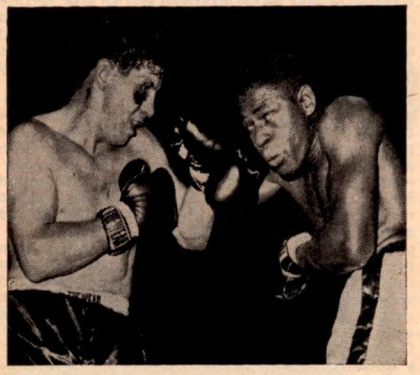

Grant's steady attack proved to be too much for Charnley to handle.

SPECIAL TO THE RING . . . The National Stadium, Kingston, Jamaica.

▸ **George Leslie Grant,** 133½, 21 year old Kingston, Jamaica lightweight, known fistically as **"BUNNY"** Grant, enhanced his reputation by winning the British Empire lightweight title in a convincing manner, outpointing the defending title holder, Dave Charnley of Dartford, England in 15 rounds. Charnley weighed 135.

Charnley, who still holds The European and British titles, started off a 10 to 5 favorite, as many of the locals thought it was asking too much of "Bunny" at this early stage of his career to meet a man who gave Joe Brown, two hard fought contests.

A crowd of 9,000, sat in the rain-soaked field eagerly awaiting the start as referee Emelio Sanchez sent them on their way in the first International contest to be staged at Jamaica's newly built National Stadium.

In rounds 5, 6 and 7, in which the Jamaican drew ahead on points as Charnley tried vainly to lure his opponent into a false move to connect with his hard left hooks, the triple title holder's right eye was starting to swell and was slightly cut.

Round eight saw Grant come smartly from his corner and drive Charnley around the ring and it was only the experience of Charnley that enabled him to last the session. In the eleventh, Charnley evened methods by a do-or-die attempt after cutting Grant's forehead with a butt for which he was cautioned by the referee.

In the twelfth Charnley was in trouble once again, as Grant switched his punches to the body and using combination blows at a fast rate.

As they came out for the thirteenth, it was plain to see that this was to be a Jamaican victory for "Bunny" Grant, who had boxed his way confidently throughout and was not overawed by Charnley's reputation. The fourteenth was Charnley's best round. He came into his own after scoring with a rally of blows to the head.

In the fifteenth and last round, they both fought hell-for-leather with the Jamaican again having the advantage.

Judge Gilbert Aarons scored it 150 for Grant, 129 for Charnley; Judge Vivian Blake, 146 for Grant, 144 for Charnley, and referee Emelio Sanchez had it 150 for Grant and 138 for Charnley. The Daily Gleamer Boxing Critic called it 149 to 138 in favor of Grant. My ringside scorecard had 11 rounds for Grant, 1 round Charnley and three draw.

The show was promoted by The Jamaican Boxing Board of Control, and sponsored by The Machado Sports Foundation. At the weigh-in, Grant scaled 133½ and Charnley, 135. The Jamaican, who holds the Light and Welterweight championship of Jamaica, the Junior Welterweight Championship of Latin America, now adds **THE BRITISH EMPIRE LIGHT TITLE** to his collection.

Sugar Cliff, Miami, outpointed Ricky McMaster, Kingston, in a gruelling ten of a welterweight bout. Percy Hayles, Kingston, knocked out Wesley Hinds, Kingston, in the second of a lightweight set to. Kid Bassey, Kingston, outpointed Joe Barnes, Kingston, in six.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By Bill Colbert

St. Paul, Minn.—Joey Giardello, Philadelphia, Pa., outpointed Jimmy Beecham in Promoter Emmett Wellers outdoor fight card in St. Paul, in Midway Stadium. Giardello had to work hard all the way in order to gain the decision and the bout was full of action from the start. Giardello landed the more solid punches and had Beecham on the canvas in the ninth round. It was one of the best cards staged here in some time. Here are the results.

Joey Giardello, 162¾, Philadelphia, outpointed Jimmy Beecham, 160, Miami, Fla. (10).

Amen Peck, 157¼, S. Paul, outpointed Lee Ballard, 165, St. Paul (8).

Nate Battle, 219, St. Paul, and Lloyd Duraine, 210¾, St. Paul, fought four-round draw.

Lyle Faughn, 112¾, St. Paul outpointed Julio Ceniceros, 114, St. Paul (4).

Billy Corcoran, 162½, St, Paul knocked out Frank Jackson, 166½, Minneapolis (2:35 of first).

▸ Spike McCarthy, the announcer and trainer of fighters, is taking the rest cure for the summer at Lake Minnetonka, in Minneapolis.

Mike Sternberg is the boxing promoter in Rochester, Minn. He has been having success.

▸ Wally Holm, former Golden Glove champion and professional boxer of Minneapolis, is now one of the best referees in the Twin Cities. In St. Paul, Emmett Weller has a well equipped gymnasium on Selby Ave. and St. Albans and where fighters train for bouts.

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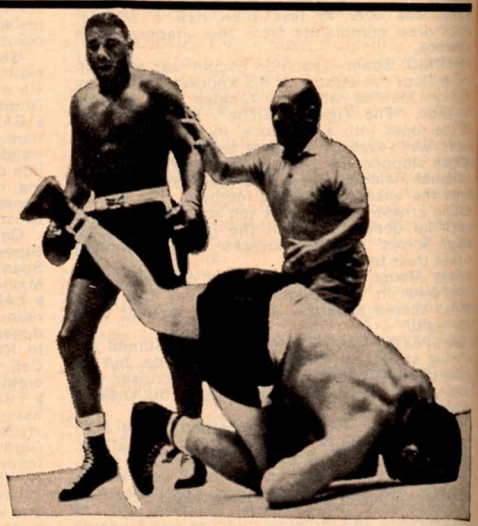

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BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By Ted Yamachika

▸ Al Medrano, 139½, a junior welterweight from California, had too much experience for Honolulu's Henry Manilolo, 141, and he won a split decision in a ten round fight at the Civic Auditorium. One of the judges favored the local boy, but most of the ringsiders agreed Medrano's win was clean cut.

Medrano scored best with a straight right to the chin. He had good rounds in the 4th and 6th and spurted again in the last two rounds. The fight drew 1,756 fans and grossed $3,495.25.

Salvador Gonsalves, 131½, decisioned Ray Salas, 132. 6 rds. Bobby Higa, 125¾, beat James Costa, 130. 6 rds. Walter Nakama, 125½, outpointed Ula Seva'aetsi, 129. 4 rds. Bernard Soares, 136¼, TKO'd Edward Ki, 137½, in the 2nd of 3. George Santos, 138, beat Tony Ae, 143¾. 3 rds.

▸ California's Willie Woods, 138½, who usually fights as a featherweight and pretty good too, found tangling with a welter a tough assignment and lost a unanimous decision to Henry Mailolo, 141, a local boy trying hard to justify his main event billing.

Mailolo won easily, mostly with a good left jab, but this win was no feather in his cap. He was so much bigger and taller than Woods, it didn't appear an even match. A crowd of 1,413 fans paid $2,819.80 to witness the show.

Other Results: Baby Brown, 130, beat Bobby Herron, 128. 8 rds. Larry Cantiberos, 137, decisioned Ray Carvalho, 136½. 6 rds. Bernard Soares, 137½, TKO'd John Lopez, 137, in the 1st of 3. Edward Ki, 136, TKO'd George Santos, 137¼, in the 1st of 3. Robert Valentine, 148½, beat Al Fiso, 150½. 3 rds.

▸ The Stan Harrington-Eddie Pace fight at the Civic Auditorium ended in a huge surprise for Honolulu fans. Harrington, their granite-jaw idol, was knocked out by Eddie Pace in 1:04 min. of the 4th round of a scheduled tenner. In nine years and some 50 fights, nobody had done this to Harrington before. In fact Harrington hadn't even been floored until his Madison Square Garden fight against Charley Scott in June when Harrington got off the floor to win this fight. When it finally did happen, the crowd was stunned, remained silent for several minutes.

From the way it looked, it didn't appear as if Pace was a knockout puncher. But he was a sharp shooter and his punches were hard enough, especially when they came in succession. He landed three straight rights to Harrington's jaw and after a short pause, during which time Harrington did nothing to cover up or back away, added the finisher. Harrington fell face forward and was counted out.

The first three rounds were about even. Harrington weighed in at 149¼ and Pace, 149.

The Boxing Enterprises, Ltd. promoted card drew 3,368 fans and grossed $7,900.70.

Anacleto Battad, 158, knocked out Johnny Brandon, 152, in the 3rd of 6. Salvador Gonsalves, 133, outpointed Bobby Herron, 129½. 6 rds. Tony Rodrigues, Jr., 153½, beat Mac Sima, 152½. 3 rds. Leatuvai Taupule, 160¼, decisioned Mike Fiso, 159. 3 rds.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES

By Felipe J. C. Galang

Young Terror, 131, former junior lightweight champion of the Philippines, kayoed Kirisak Barbos, 129, Thailand in the six round at the Araneta Coliseum. The Thai boy was floored for a 4 count when caught by a right to the chin in the 4th round. Caught by another right to the jaw, the Bangkok fight was finished.

Chart Sakdiserre, 126, halted Leo Ricardo, 129, Manila, in the 9th round. Ricardo was leading by a slight margin from the start and almost kayoed the Thai in the 7th when saved by the bell.

In the 8th, Leo received a cut along his left eye. Blinded by his own blood, the Filipino became an easy target. The stadium physician after examining the cut, declared that Leo was unfit to continue. The referee awarded the decision to Chart by t.k.o.

Kachornsak Lupiganit, 114, and flyweight of Thailand, stopped Billy Brown, 112, of the Philippines in the 8th round of another 10 rounder. This was the bloodiest bout of the evening.

Kachornsak cut Brown over the left eyebrow in the 7th but many believed it was caused by a head butt. Brown also inflicted a cut to the Thai over the left eye. Both boys covered with blood when the referee decided in favor of the Thailander.

Kid Mojica, 130, bested Eddie Castro, 131, in 8 rounds. Dommy Froilan, 130, outpointed Sonny Espanol, 130, in 6. Romy Guelas, 116, whipped Flash Antonio, 116, in 6 rounds. Kid Watiwat, 127, defeated Jesse del Valle, 127, in 4. Pat Valdez, 117, bested Leo Samson, 119, in the 4 round opener.

▸ Sid Javellana, 120, of Negros stopped his rival, Bonnie del Monte, 124, in 6 round in Angeles, Pampanga. Upcoming battler from the Visayas is one of the best body punchers in the business. He punished the popular Bonnie with body blows from the first round, paving the way for a kayo. Bonnie was so weakened that he became an easy target for a right to the chin, ending the fight. This promotion revived boxing in this prosperous town in Pampanga. During the pre-war days, Angeles was the boxing center of Luzon and second only to Manila.

Frisco Concepcion, 126, bested Gene Salcedo, 128, in 8. Speedy Albert, 120, drew with Tony Pecho, 122, in 6. Max Flores, 117, decisioned Baby Rudy, 116, in 6.

Nar Laxamana, 112, bested Benzon Kid, 111, in 4. Clever Carling, 110, stopped Clever Roca, 109, in 3. Fighting Gardan, 112, beat Rogelio Kid, 110, in 4. Rocho Villa, 108, bested Al Lumanlan, 110, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

▸ Johnny Jamito, 121, former bantamweight champion of the Philippines, kayoed Emil de Leon, 123, in the 7th round at the Araneta Coliseum. Jamito inflicted a deep cut under Emil's right eye in the 6th. The stadium physician advised him to stop at the start of the 7th.

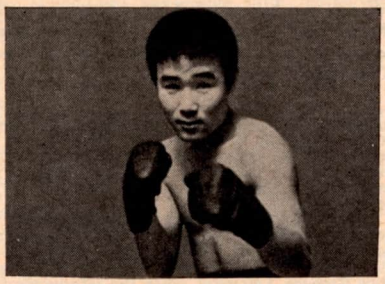
Carlos Boy Agarao, 126, of Manila won over Hermelindo Mondragon, 126, of Mexico by disqualification in the 9th. Mondragon was suffering a cut over his eye and a gash on his right cheek. The continuous punching of the stablemate of Urbina below the foul line, forced the referee to disqualify and award the decision to his opponent.

Ray Tupas, 132, halted Al Fuentes, 130, in 6. Fighting Albert, 134, lost to Conrado Reyes, 136, in another 6 rounder. Baby Javellana, 130, decisioned Alex Magbanua, 131, in 6.

Rudy Billiones, 112, bested Joe Cortes, 111, in 6. Ric Forcalla, 120, knocked out Annie Fredo, 120, in 1. Kid Frankie, 116, defeated Cisco Amor, 113, in the 4 round opener.

▸ Ric Magramo, 112, became the flyweight champion of the TV Fistiana after beating Leo Regaspi, 112, at the Baclaran stadium, Paranaque, Rizal. Leonardo Fernandez, 115, kayoed Sonny Boy, 116, in 1.

Rico Seballos, 118, beat Rony Ergina, 118, in 4. Boy Baesa, 128, bested Jesse Francisco, 128, in 4.



Fighting Harada, who will meet Pone Kingpetch in a flyweight title bout in October.

BOXING IN JAPAN

By Dale Dean

▸ **ORIENT WELTER WEIGHT TITLE MATCH** — Japan's Kenji Fukuchi, 31 year old veteran, regained his Orient welter crown in a knockdown battle with Fil Ravalo of the Philippines by a split decision. Fukuchi had lost the title to Ravalo in Manila last December.

Fukuchi went down in the 4th for a 6 count after leading on points up to that time. He was down twice again in the 6th before exploding his own double-barreled attack flooring the Filippino for an 8 count with a hard right straight to the jaw in the 8th. Though the fight fans were split with the judges, the slight edge was probably Fukuchi. That's what the books will show!

▸ Solomon Boysaw, junior light weight from Cleveland, Ohio won a clear decision over former Orient junior light weight champ Yukio Katsumata in a 10 at Korakuen. The visitor blocked most of Katsumata's hooks and countered with swift mechanical jabs that had the Japanese boy groggy but game at the end.

▸ Champion Kozo Nagata successfully defended his bantamweight crown against former champ Tetsuya Yamaguchi before an excited crowd of 7,000 at Hiroshima. Actually the bout was not a thriller but a championship fight held anywhere other than Tokyo is a rarity which brings the "hinterland" fight fans out en-masse.

▸ Katsumi Nakamura, 4th ranked feather, stopped Thailand's Donchai Yontrakit in 1 minute 25 seconds of the first round at Korakuen.

▸ Japan number one ranking bantam contender, Katsutoshi Aoki, kayoed 7th ranked flyweight, Yoshio Himuro, in the 7th round of a slugging battle before an excited crowd at Korakuen. Aoki was down once and Himuro twice before the thrilling climax.

Aoki connected with a terrific uppercut to the body in 2 minutes 22 seconds of the 7th making it the 6th consecutive KO win for this flashy bantam weight. His record now stands at 28 wins for 28 fights with 15 knockouts.

▸ "Fighting" Harada, first ranked flyweight took a unanimous nod from the Philippines first ranked fly Little Rufe in a televised 10 at Korakuen. This was billed as a prelude to Harada's scheduled World title bout with Pone Kingpetch on October 10. Harada showed his "fighting" spirit in a flurry in the 7th and 9th rounds, but his boxing lacks what it will take to grab the World crown. While Harada was the aggressor all the way, he failed to land effective blows.

▸ Yuji Masuko—first ranked feather took a split decision from Philippines veteran Leo Espinosa in a televised 10. The referee gave it to Leo by one point and the 2 judges awarded it to Masuko. Masuko complained of an aching back.

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▸ FLY: KYO NOGUCHI; BANTAM: KOZO NAGATA; FEATHER: KAZUO TAKAYAMA; LIGHT: TERUO KOSAKA; WELTER: HACHIRO ITO; MIDDLE: TAKAO MAEMIZO.

ORIENT (OBF) TITLE HOLDERS AS OF AUGUST 1—

▸ FLY: SADAO YAOITA—Japan; BANTAM: KENJI YONEKURA—Japan; JR. FEATHER: HARUO SAKAMOTO—Japan; FEATHER: BERANIDO CHARUMUN — Thailand; JR. LIGHT: OSCAR REYES — Philippines; LIGHT: TERUO KOSAKA—Japan; WELTER: KENJI FUKUCHI—Japan; JR. MIDDLE: KEOWAN YONTRAKIT—Thailand; MIDDLE: FUMIO KAIZU—Japan.

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS

By Jack Waina

In out of state bouts, Michigan fighters Kenny Lane, Wilfie Greaves and Billy Collins scored impressive victories, while Ted Wright finished on the losing side. Overall it was a most satisfactory showing for the local representatives during the month.

Proving once and for all that he is the number one junior lightweight or lightweight contender, the clever Lane, of Muskegon, got up off the canvas in the fourth round to outpoint highly regarded Carlos Hernandez in a nationally televised ten rounder at Madison Square Garden. Sixteen months earlier in Caracas, the Venezuelan and Lane had battled to a draw.

Greaves, formerly of Edmonton, Alberta, operating under the banner of Detroit sportsman C. W. Smith, successfully defended his Canadian middleweight title against Blair Richardson, of South Bar, Nova Scotia, at Glace Bay.

Collins, another Smith entry and a classy welterweight who is rapidly coming into his own, scored a good win in the N.Y. Garden stopping Tony Fortunato in the eighth.

The Moyer brothers finally caught up with Wright, Detroit's ranking welterweight contender. After having defeated both Phil and Denny Moyer, the Brewster product dropped a duke to the latter in another tenner via TV.

▸ From a national television appearance at New York's Madison Square Garden, to the Michigan State Fair Coliseum, and back to the Graystone Ballroom in a short span of five months, is the story of Detroit heavyweight Sonny Banks. Unable to find himself in the faster company of Cassisus Clay and Young Jack Johnson, handlers of the young Detroiter returned their protege to the ten dollars a round class for more experience.

Gene Jackson, once an average preliminary fighter from Cleveland, Ohio, was selected as Banks' comeback opponent. The roly poly visitor offered very little resistance and was dropped three times with the one-sided workout ending at 2:02 of the third round.

As a matter of fact, every bout on the card ended in a knockout. Banks' stablemate, Harvey Cody Jones, stopped another Cleveland victim, heavyweight Ted Davis in 1:57 of the third round. Detroit welterweight Lucky Little received surprising resistance from Doug MacLeod, of Grand Rapids, for six rounds. Finally in the seventh, MacLeod went down and didn't answer the bell for the eighth.

Ed Zarembra, Jackson lightheavy, nailed Mel Pearson, of Akron, at 1:20 of the first round, and Fred Jones, also of Akron, accommodated Sonny Placido, Detroit welter, unconvincingly at 1:03 of the second.

▸ Joe Black, Detroit middleweight, is a talented prospect who merits close watching. Black possess a colorful style and can punch with the best of them. In the feature bout at the Graystone Ballroom, which is becoming better known as the house of one-sided knockouts, Black stopped Zellers, of Louisville, Ky., at 2:44 of the second round.

In a bout billed as the co-feature, Robert "Ducky" Dietz, Detroit lightheavy, returned to the local scene after a tour of the east, meeting Chuck Weismuller, of Grand Rapids. Weismuller was easily stopped at 1:08 of the second round.

Andrew Holt, Detroit lightheavy, decisioned Edgar Boyd, Detroit; Charles Dardeen, Detroit welterweight, stopped often retired Eli Leggett, Detroit, in two; Roley Wilkes, Windsor welter, and Fate Davis, Akron, fought to a draw; and Harold Combs, Akron lightheavy, won over Ross McClendon, Detroit. The above matches were four rounders.

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By

JOHN S. SHARPE

FINSBURY PARK—Maurice Cullen, Shotton, 133¾, enhanced his reputation as No. 1, challenger for Dave Charnley's British title, when he gained a narrow points win over Dave Coventry, Liverpool, 137¼, in a classical and interesting ten. Cullen, with his stabbing left against the bobbing and weaving style of Coventry, was at times harassed by the latter's aggressiveness. The winner left the ring with his left eye almost closed. He also had a damaged nose while the loser was unmarked.

Al Keen, Fulham & Scotland, 134, outpointed Phil McGrath, Halifax, 134½, over eight 2 minute rounds.

Brian Jago, Tottenham, 129, stopped Dave Roberts, Leicester, 128, in the ninth. Johnny McKenna, Southend, 134, outpointed Joey Burns, East Ham, 135, in 8 two minute rounds.

Tommy Rix, Romford, 137¼, knocked out Laurie Taggart, Fulham, 135¾, in fifty-five secs. of the first. Johnny Brown, Cardiff, 140, stopped Harry Wheeler, London, 145, in the third, when the latter retired with damaged eye. . . .

▸ **LOUNSBURY PARK**—Terry Spinks, West Ham, 126½, former "Golden Boy" of British Boxing, and Gold Medal winner of the Melbourne Olympics suffered his worst defeat when Bobby Fisher, Craigneuk, 127¼, stopped him in the seventh. Twenty-four year old Spinks was only a mere shadow of his former self, and after an even round, was put down in the second for a count of "eight" from a vicious right to the jaw.

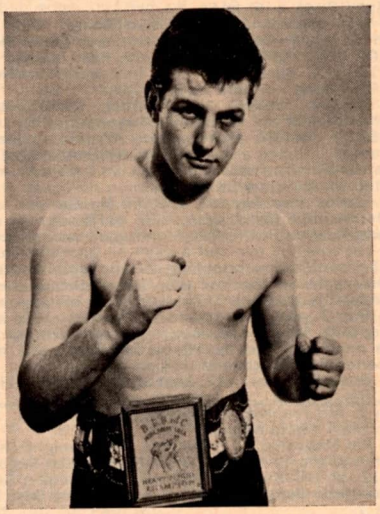
The crowd of his fervent followers were perplexed as he gamely rose to clinch against the Scot who now saw victory in his clasp. The latter tore himself away and forced Spinks around the ring, when another right forced him to take "nine". How he managed to survive till the gong, was a mystery for he was battered and defenseless, but bringing all his resources in boxing ability to his aid he was able to walk unsteadily to his corner. From then on, it was by instinct that he tried to turn the tide, but his stamina was fast drifting away till 1:35 of the seventh when referee Jack Hart mercifully stepped in and walked Terry to his corner.

This was Spinks' 48th professional contest. He was trying to fight his way back to another title contest with Howard Winstone.

In two minute rounds, Ray Thompson, Dagenham, 126, stopped Dave Whittaker, Battersea, 120¾, when the latter retired at the end of the seventh. Tommy Blackwell, Brixton, 130, stopped Brian Jago, Tottenham, 128¼, when the latter retired at the end of the ninth.

Tommy Rix, Dagenham, 136¾, defeated Roy Chambers, Fulham, 137½, when the referee stopped the contest at the end of the fourth. Fitzroy Lindo, Jamaica, 151¼, knocked out Tom Lawrence, Canning Town, 161, in the sixth.

▸ **LEICESTER**—Johnny Prescott, Birmingham, was given a tough fight by the Italian, Federico Frisco, former heavyweight champion of Italy, in ten. The crowd showed its disapproval at the end for only one reason, that was that the young Birmingham prospect did not K.O. his heavier opponent. I cannot understand why they acted that way, for Prescott at 187½, to Frisco's 215½, was conceding 28 pounds, and those behind Prescott did not feel that it was right to send him out to take unnecessary chances against such odds. It was only a formality for referee to raise Prescott's hand at the end, as the winner, for he was way ahead on points. Prescott has 15 wins and 1 draw, and is learning the hard way. In the last round the Italian put everything in a do-or-die attempt to outpunch his opponent, but Prescott did not panic and was content to win on points.



Johnny Prescott, young Birmingham heavyweight, who is undefeated in sixteen fights since turning pro last year. Johnny has only a draw with Peter Bates to mar his record. A good boxer as well as sharp hitter Prescott looms as the top heavyweight prospect to come along in Britain in quite a few years.

George Aldridge, Market Harborough, won The Southern Area Middleweight title when he outpointed Pat O'Grady, Bermondsey, in a hotly disputed ten. Con Mount Bassie, Jamaica, defeated Mick Greaves, Leicester, when the referee stopped the contest at the end of the third of a featherweight bout, as Greaves had sustained a bad cut over the eye.

Joe Leeming, Rugby, outpointed Kid Solomon, Nigeria, in a middleweight six. Joe Falcon, Market Harborough outpointed Vic Baxendale, Nottingham, in a lightweight six. Barry Ridge, Leicester, stopped Dave Roberts, Melton, in the fifth of a featherweight bout.

▸ One of our most popular boxers, Tony Mancini of Mulham, has decided to call it a day. Tony, who holds the Southern Area Welterweight title has not fought since he was stopped by Brian Curvis, owing to cuts around the eyes.

▸ Old Timers will be sorry to learn of the death of "Duke" Lynch of Camberwell, who scored a sensation when knocking out Ted (Kid) Lewis in the first round at The National Sporting Club in 1912. . . . R-I-P.

▸ **Bologna, Italy**—Ray Shiel, St. Helens, was outpointed by the former Italian heavyweight champion, Franco Cavicchi in ten.

▸ **NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB,** London—Chris Elliott, Leicester, 134¼, retained his Midland Area Lightweight title when he defeated Terry Edwards, Birmingham, 135, in the eighth. Elliott boxed confidently throughout and after Edwards spurted in the eighth having Elliott on the defense, he retired at the end of the round, claiming that he had injured his right hand.

Carl Taylor, Richmond, 113, outpointed Ron Elliott, Hackney, 114¼, in 10 (Two's). Dennis Read, Norwood, 160½ gained a clear points win over Johnny West, Brighton, 154½, in six. Barry Ridge, Leicester, 127½, won a narrow points decision over Ray Thompson, Dagenham, 127½, in six.

▸ **BRESCIA, Italy**—Brian London, Blackpool, was outpointed by Sante Amonti, Italian Heavyweight Champion, in ten. Amonti was too fast for the slow moving Englishman. Alex Buxton, Watford, was outpointed by Pietro Tomasoni, Italy, in a cruiserweight eight.

▸ **CARMARTHEN**—Johnny Gamble, Merthyr, hard hitting southpaw, 157¾, knocked out Ron Vale, Leamington, 157, in the fifth of a hard fought bout.

The crowd at the Market Hall did not take kindly to referee Jim Brimmell's decision that Billy Williams Cannock's Chase, 121½ was not in a fit condition to continue after rising from a count during the second round of his contest with Lenny "The Lion" Williams, Maesteg, 124. The Welshman is an all-action southpaw, but he found a determined adversary in Billy from Cannock's Chase, who was out to reverse his previous defeat by the Welsh youngster of eighteen, now claiming twenty-one wins in his short career as a professional.

Billy Thomas, Cardiff, 120, defeated Gerald Jones, Merthyr, 115, in the fourth when the latter retired. Dennis Pleace, Cardiff, 149, knocked out Obie Haywood, Nigeria, 156, in the third.

Dai Corp, Cardiff, 118½, outpointed Eddie Barroclough, Castleford, 121¾, in a splendid eight. Stuart Price, Cymmer, 164½, stopped Herbie Williams, Tonyrefail, 171½, in the second. Dai Harris, Merthyr, 134¾, outpointed Johnny Brown, Cardiff, 137½, in six.

▸ **NORTHAMPTON** — Cliff Brown, Northampton, 148, defeated Allan Kaihau, Tonga & Castleford, 150½ in the seventh when the referee intervened during the seventh after the latter's eye, damaged in the fifth was badly cut. Colin Salcombe, Birmingham, 137½, outpointed "Sugar" Ray Johnson, Leeds, 137½, in six.

Joe Leeming, Rugby, 161½, stopped Floyd Mosley, Nigeria, 165½, in the sixth. Ricky Porter, London, 138½, outpointed Joe Falcon, Market Harborough, 139½, in six.

Neil Harcroft, Sheffield, 129, stopped Vic Brown, London, 126, in the fifth. Tex Woodward, Bristol, 147, defeated Billy Collins, London, 148½, in the third when the latter retired.

▸ **SHEFFDITCH**—Peter Cheevers, Dublin and Brixton, former Amateur featherweight champion, 134, gained his fifth straight win as a professional when he defeated Johnny Kidd, Aberdeen, 133, in the sixth. The end came when Kidd rose after taking a count of "five" only to fall back into the arms of referee Benny Caplan, who immediately stopped the contest in favor of Cheevers.

Vic Andreetti, Hoxton, 137, defeated Billy Secular, Bermondsey, 135½, in the sixth. The referee stopped the bout. Johnny Mantle, Battersea, 127¾, stopped Don Coshirel, Channel Islands, 125, in the fourth.

Ronnie Russell, Hammersmith, 124¼, outclassed Micky Marsh, Rayleigh, 129, the bout being stopped in the first. Fitzroy Lindo, Jamaica, 151, outpointed Tommy Lawrence, West Ham, 159½, in six.

▸ **CORWEN**—Phil Edwards, Cardiff, 161, gained a clear points win over Billy de Priest, a G.I. stationed in Germany, 158½, in ten. Edwards picked his punches at will against the aggressive American, who finished with his left eye closed.

Lenny (The Lion) Williams, Maesteg, 126, scored his 20th win without defeat when he forced his experienced opponent George O'Neill, Belfast, 126, to retire at the end of the second with a badly cut eye.

Frankie Taylor, Lancaster, 126, defeated Dele Majeki, Nigeria, 128, for the second time when the referee intervened in his favor during the fifth. Alan Rudkin, Liverpool, 118¼, took 1:24 of the first to knock out Gerry Jones, Wigan, 128.

Denny Pleace, Cardiff, 142, stopped Jimmy Mitchell, Wandsworth, 141, who retired at the end of the second with a badly cut left eye. Johnny McAllister, Motherwell, 115, defeated Dennis Edwards, Colwyn Bay, 117, in the second when referee Harry Warner intervened to save the latter from further punishment. Vince Brown, Cardiff, 158, knocked out Jimmy Slattery, Newport, 159¾, in the fifth.

▸ **DUBLIN**—Mick Leahy, Coventry, 157¾, added to a previous points win over Orlando Paso, Nigeria, 160, when he easily outpointed the Nigerian strong man in ten. When Leahy saw that he could not knock out the durable Paso who was in trouble on many occasions, he was content to go along and win on points.

Mick Harvey, Dublin, 137½, scored his second professional win when he outpointed Paddy Fitzgerald, Cork, 137½, in six. Eddie Shaw, Belfast, 120½, greatly impressed with his display in stopping Dickie Hanna, Lisburn, 117½, in the first.

Sean Leahy, Cork, 145, no relation to Mick, stopped Jim Jordan, Belfast, 146½, in the first after the latter had received a badly cut eye. Christy Keller, Limerick, 113¾, stopped Alan Bradshaw, British Guiana, 101, (who should have been a Jockey) in the second.

▸ **FLEETWOOD**—Jack Bodell, Swadlincote, Midland Area Cruiserweight Champion, 173½, suffered his first defeat as a professional, when he was forced to retire at the end of the first against Joe Louis, Nigeria, 173½, owing to a bad cut over the eye. The Nigerian came out swinging at the first gong and had Bodell backing away, but a left

hook caught the latter which staggered him. A flurry of blows followed and Bodell was cut over the left eye by one of the swings.

Johnny Gaskin, Manchester, 167, stopped Micky Fleetham, Doncaster, 154, in the sixth. Jackie Bavister, Lincoln, 127½, defeated Al Rocca, Collyhurst, 128, in the fourth, when Rocca received a bad cut over the eye.

Jimmy Powell, Preston, 149¾, outpointed Alan Kaihau, Tonga, 150, in a thrilling six. Dave Burland, Preston, 139, outpointed Vic Baxendale, Lincoln, 139½, in six.

▶ **NEWCASTLE**—Wally Swift, Nottingham, 154, former British Welterweight Champion, clearly outpointed Harry Scott, Bootle, 160½, in eight Swift soon got into his stride with his plodding left to the head which kept the slow moving Scott off balance throughout. Only in the last round did Scott show to advantage a do-or-die attack. He drove the Nottingham boxer around the ring and opened a cut over the eye with a powerful right. From then on it was Scott attacking to bring off a surprise win, but the clever defense of Swift nullified all his attempts, and it was only a formality, for the referee to raise the hand of Swift.

Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, 131½, stopped Brian Jones, Nottingham, 134½, when the latter received a bad cut. The referee on inspection at the end of the fourth, called a halt.

George Hands, Edinburgh, 129½, outpointed Del Mageke, Nigeria & Liverpool, 129½, in six. Teddy Carter, Guisborough, 141, and Tommy Tiger, Leicester, 139, battled over six rounds with Tiger receiving the decision.

Brian Husband, Hull, 158, and Tommy Baldwin, Gateshead, 159, battled to a hectic draw in six. Tommy Harrison, Middlesborough, 141, outclassed Stan Jackson, Newcastle, 142, and the bout was stopped half way in the first.

RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA

By Ray Mitchell

There were two Australian title fights during the month in the two top divisions. In Darwin, TONY VICKERS held onto his Australian heavyweight title by a knockout in round two over FOSTER BIBRON. It was just 32 days after he had successfully defended against Young Stanko. (Vickers knocked out Stanko in round 14).

Vickers came roaring out of his corner at the first bell, as Dempsey used to do. He threw everything at his much bigger opponent. Bibron survived the onslaught of the opening canto but 62 seconds after the start of the second round, Vickers scored a clean knockout. A right rip to the body did the damage. Vickers quickly followed up with a left hook and a right to the jaw. Countout. Vickers is developing into a good fighter.

▶ CLIVE STEWART defended his Australian lightheavyweight title in Adelaide, when his opponent, BARRY BUTLER, could not come out for the second round. Stewart swarmed over Butler from the outset.

▶ In Brisbane, American lightweight TOMMY TIBBS made his Australian debut—and he didn't please. Tibbs danced, fiddled and posed, allowing his opponent, DAVID FLOYD, to dictate the course of the fight. Floyd won easily on points.

▶ TOMMY TIBBS met CHARLIE SMITH of Australia, at Sydney Stadium. Smith, an aggressive fighter, took the fight to Tibbs. Although the American showed he is a past master at the art of dodging blows, it was Smith who had control of the fight for the first seven rounds. Tibbs won three of those rounds but Smith had a good points lead.

At the end of the seventh, referee Vic Patrick walked to Tibbs and told him to stop fiddling and do some fighting. Tibbs took the advice and gradually pegged back Smith's lead. The American easily won the ninth, tenth and eleventh, overtaking Smith's lead, softening up the Australian and entering the last round with a lead of three points on my card.

In the 12th Tibbs really opened all stops, dropped Smithy and had him dazed soon after the Aussie got off the floor. Vic stopped the fight in two minutes, two seconds of the round, giving Tibbs a KO win.

. . In a ten-round support to Tibbs-Smith, rising welter TREVOR CHRISTIAN was too good for LES DIXON, referee Ronnie James calling a halt in the sixth round. No knockdowns but Dixon wasn't getting anywhere.

▶ BILLY MALES, the young Aussie bantam whom the RING rated as Prospect of the Month in its August issue, had his first main-event when he met JOHNNY LAWRENCE over 12 rounds at Sydney Stadium on July 16. Billy punched too fast for Johnny and was well ahead on points when referee Vic Patrick called a halt and crowned Males in the fifth round. Lawrence was not knocked down but was being outclassed.

In a ten-round support, HAROLD PIPER made a return to the ring and gave young Sydney lightweight GRAHAM FOSTER a boxing lesson. But Piper ran out of gas after six rounds and Foster's persistence and strength took over to just about even the points at the end. That's how Ronnie James saw it—a draw.

▶ At Sydney Stadium, BILLY MALES fought his second main-event when he clashed with former flyweight champion JACKIE BRUCE, now a bantamweight. Males learned a lot from the bout, for although he never was troubled to win, Bruce did show him things he hadn't encountered before. But chalk up another KO win to Males. He halted Bruce in the tenth round. Males was a long way in front at the end. This makes eight fights for Males, with eight KO wins.

In a ten-round support GRAHAM FOSTER registered a very close points win over experienced AUB ROBERTS. They aren't giving young Foster any set-ups.

▶ In Melbourne, aggressive little featherweight PASQUALE CURCIO proved too consistent and too experienced for former amateur RON FENTON. Curcio won on points.

In the ten-round support, flyweight TEDDY RAINBOW knocked out SAMMY LANG in the eighth.

▶ One week later, Scot JOHN SMILLIE outpointed Aussie featherweight LES DUNN over 12 rounds. Smillie was on the attack all the way. Dunn, a clever boxer, lost the fight because he eased up every time he scord a telling blow.

▶ In Melbourne, Ghanian featherweight KIMPO AMARFIO outpointed Australian lightweight champion ALDO PRAVISANI—which says little for our lightweight champion! Pravisani thought he won it. It shouldn't have been close. Pravisani fiddled too much.

▶ One week later, American importation QUAN JAMES met JOHN SMILLIE in Melbourne and was being outclassed when James landed a KO blow after the end of the ninth round. Referee Terry Rilly did not disqualify James and when the bell rang for the tenth, Smillie could not leave his corner, so Reilly gave a KO decision to James. The decision caused an uproar. They are featherweights.

▶ In Brisbane, BARRY KROGH made a niche for himself in the local welterweight ranks when he flattened PETER LAMBERT in the ninth round. Krogh had had one professional fight before this—a six-rounder some 18 months before. This was a 12-round main-event, so Krogh's performance was remarkable. Krogh was on the floor in the fourth round but came on to put Lambert on the floor twice in the ninth, the second time ending the bout.

▶ One week later at the same venue, Queensland State featherweight champion JOHNNY FOOKS had little trouble in knocking out BILLY DUNNETT in the tenth round. This was the second time Fooks had stopped Dunnett.

▶ Also in Brisbane, a double bill of two twelve-rounders headlined the program. In a junior lightweight match JOHNNY MUIR knocked out ALAN CARLISLE in the second round. A right to the head in the second round dropped Carlisle. Soon after he was slammed again for another count. Referee Les Parker stopped the fight.

In the other 12-rounder DON McKAY won a points decision over KEN FORD in a lightweight fight. It was not an attractive contest.

▶ At Albury, WILLO LONGBOTTOM outpointed ROSS COLISSIMO over ten rounds. Longbottom is a welterweight; Colissimo weighed three pounds over the lightweight limit.

▶ All for this month. My address is: 23 Milburn Rd., Gymea, N.S.W., Australia.

BOXING NEWS FROM MONTREAL

By Wallace Brown

As this issue of RING magazine is circulated around the globe, Montreal is still without a major boxing promoter and the fans who over the last couple of years had encouraged and awakened a dying sport are once again forced to the sidelines with little or no boxing activity. The Montreal Athletic Commission suspended promoter Eddie Quinn last December 5, the date set for the proposed Archie Moore-Robert Cleroux bout. Quinn after checking his box office figures in the morning found to his surprise that there was only a $30,000 advance ticket sale. With Moore refusing to accept a cut in his $50,000 guarantee, Quinn announced that the fight was off. Al Bachman, manager of Cleroux claims Quinn owes his fighter $2,500 concurred while training for Archie. Both parties have met on several occasions with their respective legal council without success.

▶ **Three Rivers,** a community 85 miles from Montreal was the venue for the Joey Durelle-Peter Schmidt Canadian welterweight championship fight. After twelve gruelling rounds of torrid toe to toe action the bout was judged a draw. Both boys fought their hearts out to succeed to the crown vacated by the retirement of former champ Gale Kerwin. Although both fighters were weak on defense, the offensive never lacked as both took turns pummelling each other as the tide continually changed sides. There were no knockdowns but both contestants suffered several facial lacerations. Durelle reinjured his hand which had previously postponed the title fight. With the five point must system in effect, judge Frank Belanger Sr., favored Schmidt 56-54, while his son Frank Jr., favored Durelle 54-55. The third man, Claude Failly had it even 55-55. Durelle weighed in at 145¼ to Schmidt 146½. Regis Levesque's card attracted 2,660 fans who paid an estimated $4,000.

In the semi-final eight, Clement Sarrazin, 146, Montreal disposed of Tony Robert, 148, Sherbrooke in the third round. Arnold Sparks racked up a tko victory at the expense of Fernand Simard. Jack Clements, Montreal flattened Eddy Smith, Montreal at the 1:14 sec. mark of the second. In the opener Andre Parent, Three Rivers decisioned Rene Beaudet, Three Rivers in four.

Please forward all boxing news to 1565 Jacques Hertel St., Montreal, Quebec.

▶ A Saturday night TV tenner out of Miami Beach saw Montrealer Robert Cleroux sadly outclassed in losing a unanimous decision to Mike De John. For Cleroux it was his fourth defeat in 37 fights.

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(UP TO AUGUST 24, 1962)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Henry Cooper (E)	1. Chic Calderwood (S)	1. Dick Tiger (N)	1. Brian Curvis (W)
2. Joe Erskine (W)	2. Johnny Halafihi (To)	2. Yama Bahama (B)	2. Wally Swift (E)
3. Dick Richardson (W)	3. Alan Harmon (J)	3. Terry Downes (E)	3. Johnny Melfah (N)
4. Robert Cleroux (C)	4. Bob Nicholson (E)	4. John McCormack (S)	4. Tony Smith (E)
5. Brian London (E)	5. Stan Cullis (E)	5. Mick Leahy (E)	5. Jimmy McGrail (E)
6. Joe Bygraves (J)	6. Ron Redrup (E)	6. Phil Edwards (W)	6. Sid Prior (A)
7. Ray Shiel (E)	7. Clive Stewart (A)	7. Gomeo Brennan (B)	7. Gary Cowburn (A)
8. Peter Bates (E)	8. Johnny Ould (E)	8. Wilf Greaves (C)	8. Billy Tarrant (E)
9. Johnny Prescott (E)	9. Dave Rent (E)	9. George Aldridge (E)	9. Gale Kerwin (C)
10. Jim Cooper (E)	10. Gerry McNally (E)	10. Syd Parkinson (E)	10. Johnny Kramer (E)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Bunny Grant (J)	1. Joe (Rafiu) King (N)	1. Johnny Caldwell (I)	1. Jackie Brown (S)
2. Dave Charnley (E)	2. Howard Winstone (W)	2. Freddie Gilroy (I)	2. Rocky Gattelari (A)
3. Maurice Cullen (E)	3. Floyd Robertson (G)	3. Dennis Adjie (G)	3. Walter McGowan (S)
4. Johnny Cooke (E)	4. Love Allotey (G)	4. Brian Cartwright (E)	4. Danny Lee (S)
5. Dave Coventry (E)	5. George Bowes (E)	5. Terry Crimmins (W)	5. Johnny Mallon (S)
6. Sammy McSpadden (S)	6. Kimpo Amarfio (G)	6. Dai Corp (W)	6. Orizu Obilaso (N)
7. Vic Andreetti (E)	7. Percy Lewis (T)	7. Don Weller (E)	7. Jackie Bruce (A)
8. Aldo Pravisani (A)	8. Billy Davis (E)	8. Alex Ambrose (S)	8. Jack Treshman (A)
9. George Bracken (A)	9. Kenny Field (E)	9. Mick Hussey (E)	9. Alex O'Neill (S)
10. Peter Cheevers (E)	10. Johnny Morrissey (S)	10. Lewis Mackay (S)	10. Alan Gibbards (A)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guinea; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (IN) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales; (BH) British Honduras.

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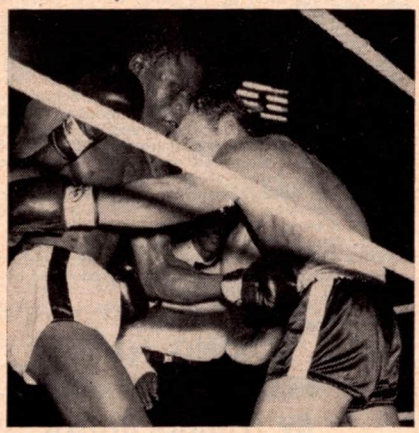
BOXING IN PHILADELPHIA
By Archie Pirolli



Joey Giardello carries the attack to George Benton despite the flow of blood from beneath his right eye in the final round. However Joey's rally was too late and Benton scored an upset decision in a hectic bout.

It was a bright picture for the future of local boxing that was painted by the large turnout of 9,449 fans on a hot summer night for an indoor show promoted by Herman Taylor at the Convention Hall.

They were rewarded with a real all-action card that was featured by the local natural between Joey Giardello and George Benton. For both men this was a big fight. Benton at 29 was fighting for his first chance at a top place among the contenders, while for the 32 year old Giardello he was fighting to hold onto his spot at the top.

Benton, always considered a fine fighter by those in the boxing business proved it by outboxing and outfighting Joey in most of the rounds to win the unanimous verdict of Referee Zack Clayton 48-43; Judge Lou Tress 48-44 and Judge Jim Weston 46-45.

Giardello's big round was the sixth when he had Benton hurt and the final round saw both men slug it out with Joey having a slight edge, however he was unable to overcome the early lead piled up by Benton's steady pressure.

Joey at 161¾ pulled down $12,815.74 while the 161 pound Benton got the biggest payday of his career $9,611.80.

The gross gate of $51,511.00 was one of the highest in many years.

The undercard was also action packed and was highlighted by the surprise victory scored by Ike White, 155½ over Johnny Alford, 162, Ike even scored a knockdown in the second round in winning the decision in the six round semi-final.

In other bouts, Willie Davis, 156½ won from Clarence Collins, 155, 6, Jimmy Hairston, 158, whipped Andy Sheppard, 160½, 6, Tommy Griffin, 131, defeated Billy Anderson, 134, 6, Jerry Matthews, 119, and Jerry Sharpe, 127, drew 4, and Bob Simmons, 161, kayoed Frank DeVuono, 161, in the first.

All the preliminary boys were from Philadelphia but Anderson who is from Doylstown.

BOXING IN SOUTH AFRICA
By Brian Rakoff

JOHANNESBURG—Local lightweight champion Bill Dollary and the former titleholder, Charley Els, warmed up for their bout by turning in wins over visitors.

Dollary came off the floor in the third round to gain a narrow win over Jim (Spike) McCormack of Ireland and Els defeated Ronnie Hilton of Canada, both over the ten round route. David Hamman scored a four round t.k.o. over Sias Hatting in the other bout.

Els, then regained the South African title by outpunching Dollary over the twelve round route in an exciting bout.

Heavyweight champion Daan Bekker survived a nine count knockdown to outpoint Stoffel Willemse in ten rounds.

CAPE TOWN—Mike Holt, the light heavyweight champion stopped David Hamman in the fifth round and Johnny Watson stopped Ronnie Van Der Walt in the fourth.

DURBAN—South African featherweight champion Bernie Taylor retained his title by halting Eddie Ludick in the eleventh round. Johnny Watson was held to a draw by Piet Botha in their six round middleweight bout.

Mike Holt, making his first start since returning home from a trip to New Zealand, had too much fire power for Daan Bekker and stopped the bigger man in the seventh round of a non-title fight.

Young Brian Mitchell, making only his third pro start became the South African bantamweight champion when he defeated Trevor Simkiss in twelve rounds.

JOHANNESBURG—Hilemon "Hurricane" Tshabalala stopped George (King) Marshall in the sixth round to retain his Transvaal middleweight title.

Phillip "Kid Keke" Sibeko scored a tenth round kayo over Dick Goba and Sugar Monameli halted Terry Nkosi in the eighth round.

SHARPEVILLE—Enoch Nhlapo continued his rise up the ladder with an eight round decision over Chris Monare.

DURBAN—Leslie Tangee retained his Transvaal bantamweight title by stopping Jacob Zungu in the eleventh round. Nagoor Govender won from Phillip Mthembu in an eight round featherweight bout.

CAPE TOWN—Southpaw John Moon won an exciting ten rounder over Gladstone Zondi.

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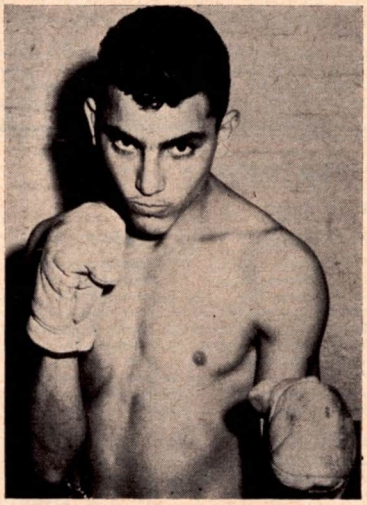
IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

NEW BEDFORD—Sargent Field—Harold Gomes, 132, Providence, former world's junior lightweight champion, scored three knockdowns in winning a one-sided decision over lanky Johnny Bean, 130, New York, in ten rounds. Bean was dropped in the 4th and 8th from rights to the jaw followed by a two-handed body assault. In the 10th round Gomes pole-axed Bean to the canvas but the latter managed to arise to survive the round and the fight.

Dick French, 141, Providence, had his undefeated record stopped at 10 straight victories when George Briggs, 147, New York, proved a little too experienced for him in six rounds. Ricky Palmieri, 135, Uxbridge, stopped Domingo Luyard, 140, New York, in the fourth round. Al Roberts, 150, Brookline, who formerly boxed under the name of Al Rose, gained a split six round decision over Al Duarte, 150, New Bedford.

NEW BEDFORD—Sargent Field—Bob Young, 170, Providence, New England lightheavyweight champion, was awarded a unanimous ten round decision over Floyd McCoy, 172, New York, but the decision did not set well with many of the 700 fans. Young punched well with a two fisted attack to McCoy's midsection, landed the more frequent punches, and had the upperhand most of the fight.

Rick Palmieri, 135, Uxbridge, turned in his most impressive win to date when he stopped Gene Fosmire, 132, Boston, in the fifth round. Fosmire staggered several times in the bout was dropped by a right cross and in a helpless condition when Referee Clarence Yates called a halt. Manny Burgo, 158, New Bedford, made short work of Earl Woods, 159, Boston, stopping him in the opening heat. Rocky Cartier, 135, made his hometown debut after campaigning in Florida, stopped Al Scalzo, 135, Brockton, in the second round of the opener.

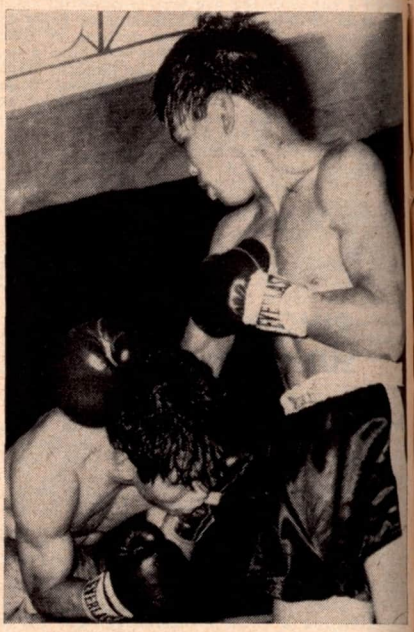


Young Carlos Zayas, Holoyke, Mass. flyweight who is a protege of Willie Pep. Zayas who has been a pro eighteen months has a 10-6-2 record, and all of his losses have been to Ronnie DeCost and Ray Jutras.

NEW BEDFORD—Sargent Field—Paddy Read, 136, Providence, scored a dramatic sixth round knockout over Ricky Palmieri, 133, Uxbridge, in a savage bout. Palmieri was well ahead on points going into the sixth round. He elected to slug with Read and late in the round was caught by a sweeping left hook on the jaw that spilled him for the full count.

Manny Burgo, 154, New Bedford, punched out a clear cut six round decision over Willie Jones, 154, Newark, N. J., in the semi-final. Peachy Davis, 168, Hartford, was impressive kayoing Sterling Bell, 170, Newark, in the first round. Billy Hogan, 164, Dorchester, halted Henry Trimmer, 172, Hartford, in two heats.

ELORDE REGAINS ORIENT TITLE
by Felipe J. C. Galang



Teruo Kosaka ducks under the attack of Elorde in the sixth round. Flash much sharper than in their previous meeting won easily to regain the championship.

(Special to the Ring) Cebu City . . .

World Junior Lightweight Champion Gabriel (Flash) Elorde of Manila rewon the Orient Lightweight title when he fought his way to a one sided twelve round decision over Teruo Kosaka of Japan who had lifted the crown from Elorde last April on a split decision.

This time there was no doubt about the verdict. The referee Jaime Valencia scored it 55-51; Judge Alex Villacampa 59-51 and Judge Alfredo Quianzon 59-53.

A crowd of over 18,000 fans crowded into the brand new Cebu Stadium to watch the first Orient title fight staged outside of Manila in the Philippines.

After Flash had an edge in the first two rounds, Kosaka came back to carry the third with the fourth about even. In the fifth Elorde landed a left hook on the chin that staggered Teruo and from there on the fight was all his.

The 21 year old Kosaka faces was all battered showing cuts over and under his right eye, a bloody nose and his left eye was puffed close.

The 26 year old new champion may face World Lightweight title holder Carlos Ortiz in an attempt to win the latter's title this winter in Manila.

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For the Month Ending August 20, 1962

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Zora Folley outpointed Doug Jones, 10.

Cassius Clay kayoed Alejandro Lavorante, 5.

Mike DeJohn upset Robert Cleroux, 10.

Johnny Prescott defeated Federico Frisco, 10. Dave Furch decisioned Ted Hutchinson, 12. Sonny Banks kayoed Gene Jackson, 3.

Gregorio Peralta won the Argentine title outpointing Jose Georgetti, 12. Franco DePiccoli won on a disqualification over Buddy Turman, 2.

Tony Vickers kayoed Foster Bibron, 2. Franco Cavicchi defeated Ray Shiel, 10. Harvey Jones kayoed Ted Davis, 3. Brian London kayoed Howard King, 6.

Giorgio Mastenghin kayoed Max Brianto, 1. Jimmy Jones halted Bill Pickett, 4. Mariano Echevarria kayoed Ray Gillien, 5.

Luther Murphy kayoed Duke Smith, 3. Jimmy Bell kayoed Ed Clark, 3. Charley Roberts kayoed Joe Soto, 5. Ken Potter stopped Mendies Johnson, 4.

Jimmy Harryman kayoed Eddie Foster, 5. Eddie Jackson kayoed Otis Fuller, 3.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Mauro Mina kayoed Lino Rendon, 9.

Doug Jones lost to heavyweight Zora Folley, 10.

Allen Thomas outpointed Leroy Green, 10. Sixto Rodriguez defeated Junior Washington, 10. Bob Young outpointed Floyd McCoy, 10.

Piero DI Papa outscored Ottavio Panunzi, 10, Angelo Pavari, 8, and Luigi Napoleoni, 8. Pietro Tomasoni defeated Alex Buxton, 8.

Dave Russell kayoed Billy Ryan, 2. Clive Stewart stopped Barry Butler, 2. Paul (Tyes) Johnson stopped Jimmy Dupree, 2.

Eddie Cotton outpointed Pekka Kokkonen, 10. Dean Bogany kayoed Jesse Bowdry, 6.

Bob McNeil defeated Junior Grant, 6. Ducky Dietz kayoed Chuck Wissmuller, 2. Tommy Sims halted Bennie Bowser, 8.

Joe Louis kayoed Jack Bodell, 1. Paul Patin defeated Al Levine, 6, and Ray Martin, 6.

Wayne Thornton kayoed Clyde Watson, 1. Ted Martin defeated Cleo Frazier, 10.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

George Benton outscored Joey Giardello, 10.

Luis Folledo halted Jean Ruellet, 7.

Jose Torres halted Duilio Nunez, 7. Don Fullmer beat Rocky Rivero, 10.

Hippolyte Annex won the French title stopping Marius Dori, 7. Wilbert McClure upset Farid Salim, 10. Yama Bahama whipped Jimmy Mack, 10. Florentino Fernandez kayoed Phil Moyer, 7.

Wilf Greaves halted Blair Richadrson, 10. Phil Edwards defeated Billy DePriest, 10. George Aldridge scored over Pat O'Grady, 10.

Mick Leahy won from Orlando Paso, 10. Bruno Fortilli outpointed Michel Diouf, 10. Johnny Featherman defeated Cecil Hudson, 10.

Santiago Gutierrez outpointed Marshall Wells, 10. Nino Benvenuti whipped Gino Rossi, 10. Wally Swift outpointed Harry Scott, 8.

Andres Selpa beat Hugo Danielli, 10. Rubin Carter kayoed Ernie Burford, 2. Francisco Fiori stopped Diego Infantes, 4.

Young Valenzula and Nicolas Acevedo, drew, 10. Joe Black kayoed Remus Zellers, 2. Sonny Gill defeated Hugo Medina, 10.

Ike White upset Johnny Alford, 6. Ron Brothers kayoed Doug Odo, 3, Doug had stopped Larry Rose, 3. Masao Gondo defeated Samart Sorndang, 10.

Bobby Horn whipped Ken Carruthers, 8. Jimmy Hairston defeated Andy Sheppard, 6. Manuel Burgo kayoed Earle Woods, 1, and beat Willie Jones, 6. Bobby Horn kayoed Herb LeSeuer, 3.

Willie Davis won from Clarence Coleman, 6. Herman Fandel stopped Roxell Mosley, 6.

Peachy Davis stopped Leroy Holmes, 2, and Starling Bell, 1. Dean Harrison kayoed Dorsey Williams, 5.

World Champion Emile Griffith beat Denny Moyer, 10. (non-title)

WELTERWEIGHTS

Rip Randall kayoed Gildo Montoya, 2, and bested Mel Barker, 10.

Samart Sorndaeng kayoed Yasunari Kawakami, 9. Gasper Ortega defeated Tombstone Smith, 10.

Federico Thompson defeated Emilio Ale Ali, 10. Eddie Pace kayoed Stan Harrington, 4, but lost to Rocky Kalingo, 10. Yoshinobu Takahaski defeated Filo Ravalo, 10. Federico Thompson defeated Ricardo Falech, 12.

Joey Limas outscored Don Jordan, 10. Mauro Vasquez kayoed Carlos Rios, 5.

Joey Durelle and Peter Schmidt, drew, 12. Billy Collins kayoed Tony Fortunato, 8.

Sugar Cliff defeated Ricky McMaster, 10. Dick Gilford defeated Chuck McCreay, 8. Punos de Oro beat Dave Cervantes, 10.

Cisco Kid kayoed Evaristo Ramos, 7. Charro Rabago won from Indian Geronimo. 10. Harold McLean defeated Lee Como, 10.

Clement Sarrazin kayoed Tony Roberts, 3. Manuel Burgo beat Vernon LaMarar, 10. Lucky Little stopped Doug McLeod, 8.

Tim Ford beat Bobby Monroe, 8, and Willie James, 8. Arnold Sparks stopped Fernand Simard, 2. Gabe Terronez beat Kid Rayo, 10.

Billy Wagoner and Tommy Johnson, drew, 6. Al Azevedo defeated Bobby Pancho, 6.

Russell Davis and Johnny Guerrero, drew, 6. Joe Murchinson kayoed Moses Shaw, 2.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champion Carlos Ortiz outpointed Arthur Persley, 10 (non-title).

World Junior Lightweight champion Flash Elorde regained the Orient Title outpointing Teruo Kosaka 12.

Guizani Rezgui defeated Mighty Bargan, 10. Joey Reynolds kayoed Willie Woods, 6. Lavalle Franklin defeated Roosevelt Carter, 6. Henry Barrera defeated Sonny Burris, 10. Frank Hardison defeated Luis Gorduno, 8.

Bunny Grant won the British Empire title outpointing Dave Charnley, 15.

Jose Luis Cruz kayoed Eddie Garcia, 2. Len Matthews kayoed Jimmy McMillan, 3. Tommy Tibbs halted Charley Smith, 12.

Manuel Alvarez outscored Bobby Cervantes, 10. Bobby Scanlon decisioned Al Medrano, 10. Jamie Gine drew with Tristan Falfan, 10.

Jose Napoles kayoed Enrique Camarena, 2. Maurice Cullen outscored Dave Coventry, 10. Vicente Derado defeated Pedro Benelli, 10.

Kid Anahuac won over Claudio Adame, 10. Nicolino Loche bested Humberto Barbatto, 10.

Ruben Rivera defeated Ramon Hurtado, 10. Ricky Palmieri stopped Gene Fosmire, 5, but was stopped by Paddy Read, 6.

Numsuk Yontrakit defeated Katsuzo Nakamura, 10. Henry Barrera stopped Speedy Henderson, 7. Victorio Guzman kayoed Juan Leyva, 3.

Arturo Astudillo won over Adolfo Olguin, 10. Fili Nava kayoed Ino Colin, 9. Charley Shipes kayoed Oscar Ortegon, 6.

Stanley Wilson and Loreto Castillo, drew, 10. Ollie Blackshear kayoed Ray Gonzales, 7, and Pedro Rodriguez, 4.

Peter Cheevers stopped Johnny Kidd, 6. Roy Jacobs halted Brian Jones, 4.

Miles Lane stopped Al Carroll, 5, and Artie Cox, 3. Henry Mailolo defeated Willie Woods, 10.

Vic Andreetti beat Billy Secular, 6. Pachuco Reyes kayoed Gabriel Navarro, 2. Tyrone Gardiner kayoed Bobby Speight, 3, and Willie Weatherspoon, 3.

David Floyd defeated Tommy Tibbs, 12.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

World Champion Davey Moore retained his title kayoing Olli Maeki, 2. Albert Serti won the European title outpointing Gracieux Lamperti.

Oscar Diaz outpointed Roberto Palaveccino, 12.

British Empire champion Floyd Robertson retained his title outpointing Love Allotey, 12.

French titleholder Rene Barriere retained his title beating Jean Biosca, 15. Howard Winstone whipped Dennis Adjei, 8. Yuji Masuko decisioned Leo Espinosa, 10.

Eloy Sanchez kayoed Cesareo Castillo, 2. Efren Jimenez outboxed Joey Reyes, 10. Young Terror kayoed Kirisak Barbos, 6.

Chilo Barranco defeated Chico Veliz, 10. Kimpo Amarfio defeated Aldo Pravisani, 12. Danny Kid won from Licho Guerrero, 10.

Jorge Gonzales stopped Dommy Felicia, 8. Moi Torres kayoed Shorty Agundez, 3. Jim Pettaway decisioned Gallito Gonzalez, 10.

Valentin Brown defeated Erotilde DaSilva, 10. Miguel Hernandez kayoed Tony Vazquez, 7. Akira Oguchi won from Gene Aragon, 10.

Genaro Gonzalez kayoed Juan Zavala, 6. Phil David defeated Vic Graffio, 10, but lost to Chamaco Perez, 10. Raciel Mendoza defeated Nacho Escalante, 10.

Sugar Zatarain kayoed Cain Rogero, 4. Bobby Fisher stopped Terry Spinks, 7.

Quan James halted John Smillie, 10, John had beaten Les Dunn, 12. Grandy McLendon beat Emil Garcia, 8. Charro Gomez halted Avelino Felix, 3.

Lenny Williams stopped George O'Neill, 2, and Billy Williams, 2. Danny Valdez whipped Babe Huerta, 10. Cubanito Avila kayoed Chano Gomez, 10.

Louis Perez kayoed Gino Hernandez, 4. Chart Sakdiserre stopped Leo Ricardo, 9. Anselmo Hernandez beat Ramon Leon, 10.

Eloy Sanchez halted Baby Luis, 8. Howard Winstone whipped George Bowes, 10. Carlos Agarao kayoed Chart Sakdissere, 10. Licho Guerrera stopped Louis Perez, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Ismael Laguna stopped Baby Salazar, 6.

Federico Scarponi won the vacant Italian title outpointing Mario D'Agata, 12. Scarponi also beat Michel Lamora, 8.

Manny Elias defeated Rudy Corona, 15. Rudy had beaten Angel Ley, 10. Japanese Champion Kozo Nagata retained his title by outpointing Tetsuya Yamaguchi, 12.

Herman Marques outpointed Frankie Duarte, 12.

Cuervo Salinas was upset by feather Manny Barrios, 10. Chuy Pruneda stopped Sabino Mendez, 7.

Chocolate Zambrano upset Marcelino Diaz, 10. Nelson Estrada defeated Killer Solomon, 10, Killer then kayoed Euro Partides, 7. Julio Moreno kayoed Pajaro Gonzalez, 7, and Teo Sandoval, 6.

Jose Dominguez kayoed Jesus Hernandez, 9. Zorro Castanon finished Chatito Ochoa, 2. Gaby Beltran kayoed Pollito Lara, 4.

Gallito Perez stopped Eabian Esquivel, 8. Raul Barcelo halted Pulga Garcia, 2. Pollo Navarro kayoed Rodolfo Rivera, 7.

Felix Hernandez stopped Torito Navarrete, 3. Memo Vega kayoed Gallito II, 4. Johnny Jamito stopped Emil deLeon, 7.

Adalberto Martinez halted Gregorio Sanchez, 3. Billy Males kayoed Johnny Lawrence, 5, and Jackie Bruce, 10.

Dai Corp defeated Eddie Barroclough, 8. Natalio Jimenez scored over Cano Marrero, 6. Carlos Navarrete stopped Javier Lahero, 6.

FLYWEIGHTS

European champion Salvatore Burruni decisioned Rafael Fernandez, 10.

Bernardo Caraballo kayoed Antonio Aguilar, 3.

Horacio Accavallo stopped Chucho Hernandez, 9.

Hiroyuki Eibihara kayoed Little Rufe, 3.

Fighting Harada whipped Little Rufe, 10. Raton Mojica outpointed Alacran Torres, 10. Kachornsak Lupiganit stopped Billy Brown, 8.

Fidel Alfaro won over Ernest Barrera, 10. Ismael Gutierrez halted Polin Ramirez, 7.

Gaby Beltran won on a disqualification over Goyo Torres, 3. Young Martin drew with Manolo Alvarez, 8. Paolo Curcetti defeated Raton Osuna, 10. Baby Locona defeated Kachornsak Lupiganit, 10.

Rafael Torres won from Jose Salas, 10. Ric Magramo defeated Leo Regaspi, 8. Lorenzo Lopez defeated Wilfrido Cruz, 10.

Teddy Rainbow kayoed Sammy Lang, 8. Casanovita Estrada whipped Jsus Hernandez, 10, Jesus then kayoed Carlos Acuna, 5.

Raton Silva defeated Chuy Rocha, 10. Manuel Flores whipped Salvator Chong, 6.

Ring Survey *(Continued from page 9)*

LISTON HITS TOO HARD
by Art Rust
(Sports Director WWRL)

Although I feel Floyd Patterson's left hook and speed will cause Sonny Liston plenty of trouble, the power carried by Liston in his hands will be too much for Floyd to stand up against and I pick Liston by a knockout within eight rounds.

LISTON A QUICK WINNER
says Bill McCormick
(N.E.A. Service)

I pick Liston by a knockout! Sonny will take Patterson as soon as he gets to him. A champ must stand up and fight and when he does that will be that. How long will it take? I'd say two or three rounds and given a good shot it might be in one.

"LISTON BY A KNOCKOUT"
By Willie Pep

Liston will win by a knockout. There can be no doubt about it. I like him because he has fought leading challengers. He knocked out Cleveland Williams twice and no one knocks Williams out unless he possesses the powerful punch of Liston. Sonny figures to win early.

LISTON BY DECISION

"SONNY HAS WHAT IT TAKES"
By Al Buck
(The New York Post)

Sonny is the most dangerous challenger Patterson has signed with. The champion must pit his speed, and boxing knowledge against a powerful, hard-hitting foe. Sonny has the advantage of weight, height and reach. He is also the harder hitter.

Patterson has not demonstrated he can take a punch. He has been knocked down by several opponents, none of whom can hit with Liston's authority. I expect a new champion.

"LISTON NEEDS ONE GOOD PUNCH"
By Rocky Graziano

Liston can hit an opponent once when that opponent is as strong and fresh as himself, and take all the fight out of him. That's what he did with Cleveland Williams. Sonny is no Joe Louis. But who needs to be these days?

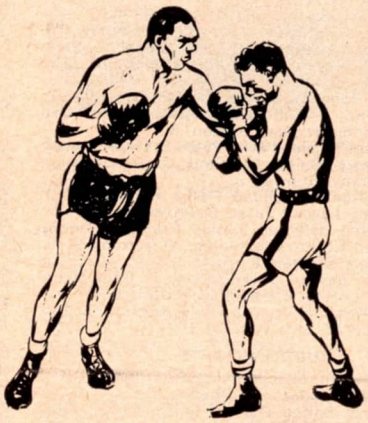
I like a heavy hitter. Liston is that kind of fighter. Ring history shows that good little men have often beat big men—not in size but those with a good weight advantage such as Liston will have over Patterson. But in this fight, the good little man, Patterson, will face a good big man in Sonny. That will make the difference. Liston to win.

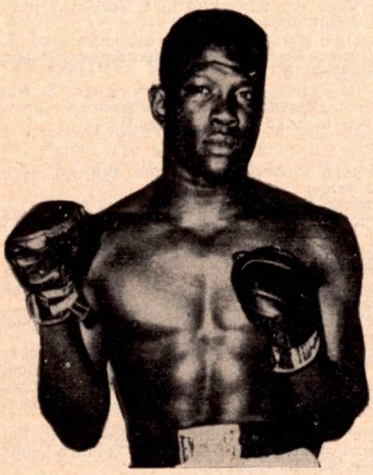
A KNOCKOUT FOR LISTON
says John F. X. Condon
(Publicity Director Madison Square Garden Boxing Club)

Liston will knock out Patterson in about six rounds. The Philadelphia heavyweight hits harder and has more ring cunning. Patterson is much faster, with both feet and hands, but a few Liston clouts will slow him up to an even pace. From then on Sonny should have things his own way.

LISTON IN SEVEN
by Ed Brennan
(New York Journal-American)

Sonny is the first real heavy hitter that Patterson has fought, who is able to put his punches together and he should stop Floyd within seven rounds.





GRIFFITH EDGES MOYER, EYES PENDER

by Ruggles Larson

Emile Griffith, world welterweight champion, advanced a step nearer to a world middleweight title match with Paul Pender, when he won a split decision over Denny Moyer in Tacoma, George Parnassus of Los Angeles, who acted as a prompter of Tacoma's first nationally televised fight as a prelude to the National Boxing Association convention, offered Pender $75,000 to defend his portion of the world crown against Emile in October.

Griffith displayed the same speed and accuracy against Moyer as a middleweight as he did when he successfully defended his crown against Dupas. For the last title contest he scaled 145½ and for Moyer he was 156½, indicating clearly that he can operate in both divisions with equal skill. Madison Square Garden is eager to stage a championship match for Griffith in the fall as is Sam Silverman in Boston against Pender.

Griffith also has offers from England to fight the winner of the Ray Robinson-Terry Downs bout and from Milan, to defend the welter crown against Dilio Loi.

The split decision triumph over Moyer in their rubber match, has established him in the eyes of Teddy Brenner, Garden matchmaker, as a definite middleweight championship threat. It was Griffith's first nationally televised fight since the fatal knockout of Paret.

Griffith won by scores of 99 to 95 and 99 to 96 on the cards of the referee and one judge, while Moyer was tabbed the winner by the other judge, 97 to 96.

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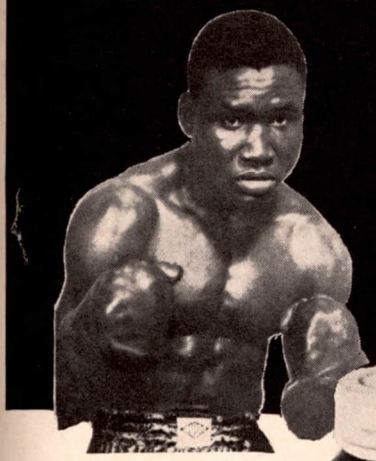

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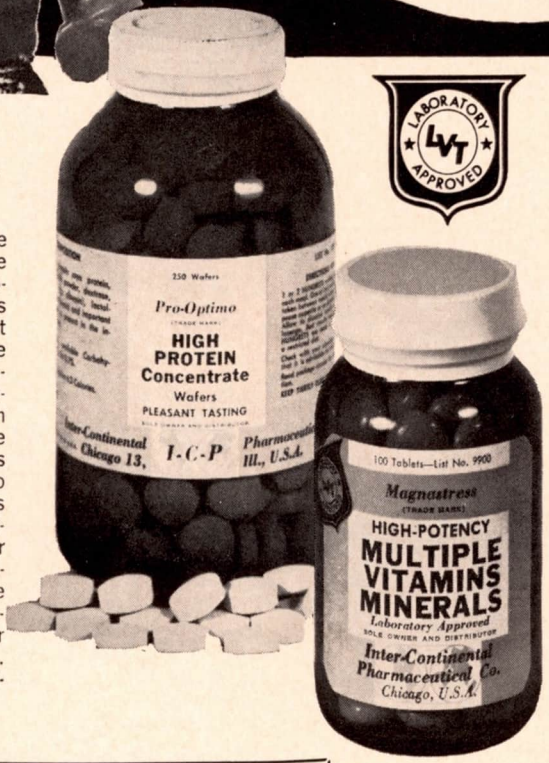

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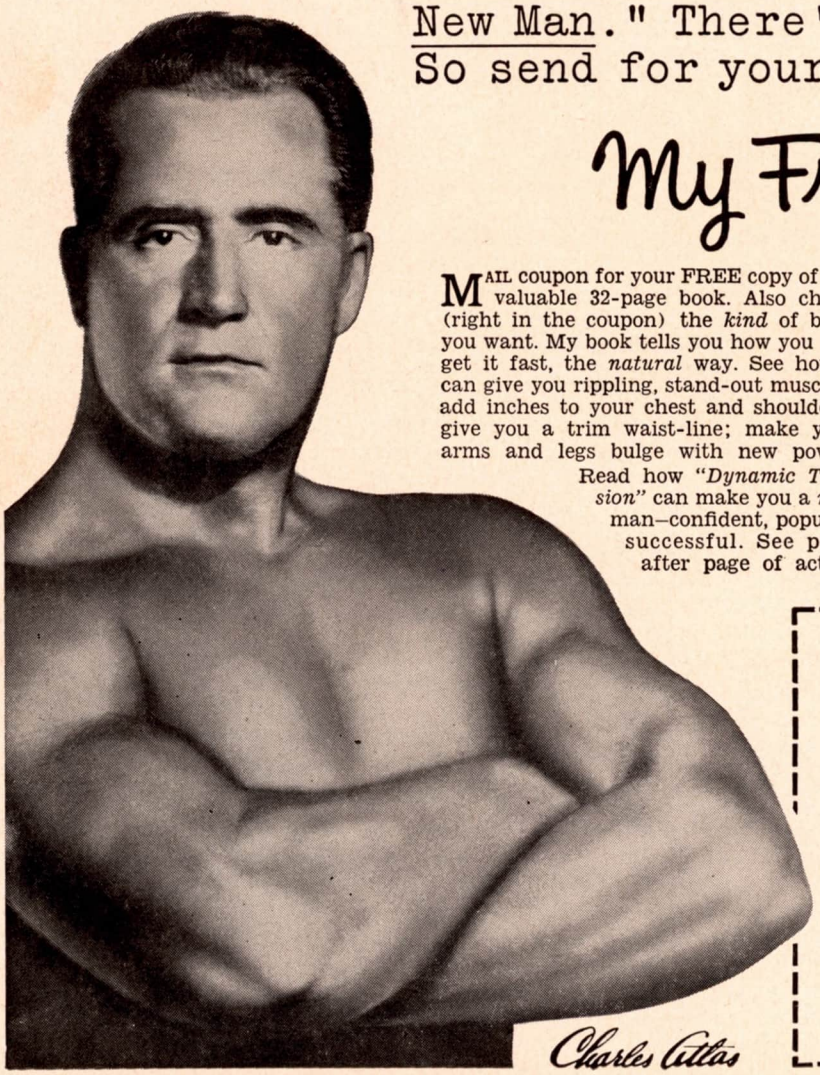

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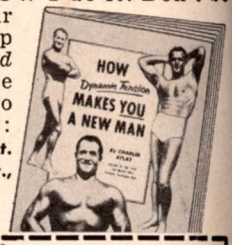

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